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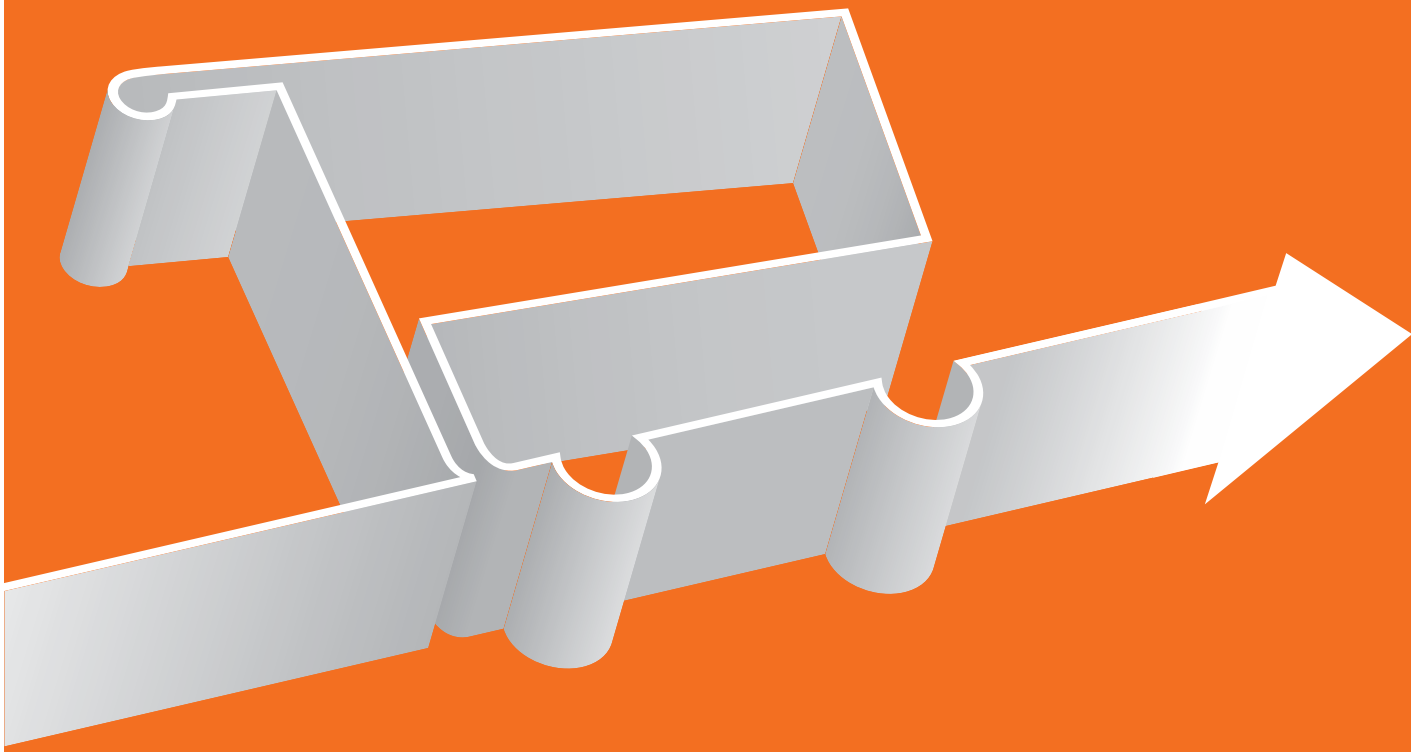

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GTA man named in Mafia raid

Sweeping crackdown hits three continents **In the past decade, the 'ndrangheta crime organization has emerged as one of the world's biggest cocaine traffickers**

Italian police conducted a major crackdown yesterday against the 'ndrangheta Mafia group, and the 51 suspects include a GTA man.

Carmine Verducci, 53, of York Region is wanted in Italy for alleged Mafia associations. He was born in Oppido Mamertina in southern Italy but is a longtime resident of Canada.

The charge of "Mafia associations" does not exist in the Canadian Criminal Code and no Canadian warrant has been issued against Verducci.

The warrants also name seven men from Thunder Bay.

Arrest warrants were issued for men in Germany and Australia as well.

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Carmine Verducci

Thirty-one suspects were picked up in Italy, police said, mostly in Reggio Calabria, the regional capital, but also elsewhere in the country, including near Rome. Six suspects, all Italian citizens, were apprehended in Germany, officials said.

The 'ndrangheta crime organization is based in southern Italy.

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Something. Fishy

A Los Angeles County lifeguard scoops up dead fish in the King Harbor area of Redondo Beach, south of Los Angeles, yesterday.

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A million dead sardines stink up California marina

An estimated one million fish turned up dead yesterday in a Southern California marina, creating a stinky mess for harbour authorities. Boaters awakened to find a carpet of small silvery fish surrounding their vessels, said Staci Gabrielli of King Harbor Marina. California Fish and Game officials said the fish were sardines that apparently depleted the water of oxygen and suffocated. "All indications are it's a naturally occurring event," said Andrew Hughan, a Fish and Game spokesman. "The simplest explanation is the fish got lost.... They get confused easily."

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Ford's bid to dump TCHC board delayed

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Council puts Ford's TCHC plan on hold

'It's unfortunate some councillors don't want to discuss accountability at the TCHC', tweets Ford ▶ 4 board members remain, but maybe not for long

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▶ Mayor Rob Ford gestures while talking to Frances Nunziata yesterday.

In their first significant defeat of Mayor Rob Ford, left-leaning councillors thwarted Ford's attempt yesterday to remove the four remaining members of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation's board of directors.

Council voted in favour of immediately addressing the proposal to dissolve the board. But Ford needed two-thirds approval — two more votes — to proceed without delay.

The delay may be short. Ford has called a special council meeting for tomorrow afternoon at which the proposal will only require the support of a simple majority.

"It'll get done," Coun. Doug Ford said calmly. "They're just playing politics with us.... We figured this was going to happen."

But deputy mayor Doug Holyday, who put forward the proposal, was surprised and angry. "It's irresponsible, totally irresponsible," he said, arguing that the TCHC did not have enough board members to function.

The TCHC, however, said the board can continue to meet with a quorum of three members. "Until instructed by council, we continue to function as a board and organization," said spokesman Kyle Rooks.

Councillors who voted against the proposal said they were trying to a stop a reckless effort by Ford to ram through ill-considered changes.

"What the mayor was trying to do is have the verdict and execution before a trial," said Coun. Adam Vaughan. "We're just saying, maybe changes need to be made, but let's take a step back and get all the facts." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TCHC board

Seven citizen members and two councillors resigned from the 13-person board in the wake of two scathing audits released last Monday.

- **The remaining** four board members are two councillors, Maria Augimeri and Raymond Cho, and tenant representatives Dan King and Catherine Wilkinson.
- **All of them** have been critical of Ford.

Man busts a move on the TTC

Phil Villeneuve has danced in the Eaton Centre, the ROM and a No Frills, to name but a few. Now you can add the subway to that list.

The Torontonian's latest dancing video was released on YouTube yesterday. Villeneuve begins his dance (to Kylie Minogue's Get Outta My Way) at Wellesley Station. He dances his way onto the train and finishes his dance in Bloor Station.

He also incorporates a number of unwilling participants who had no idea he was doing this. People have been great when he works them into his dances, he says.

"Reactions have been so positive," he says. "I'm now willing to go up to anyone and try anything."

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Importer hit with live carp fine

Provincial officials suspect some fish importers are draining tanks of water and suffocating Asian carp before they cross the border in an attempt to keep them fresh for markets in Toronto.

A change in the law in 2005 made the possession of live invasive fish species illegal in Ontario. Those bringing fish like bighead, grass, black and silver carp into the province must ensure their cargo is dead.

Sweetwater Springs Fish Farm, an Indiana-based company, was slapped with a $20,000 fine on Monday after the latest in a string of live-fish busts at the border.

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TTC taps into consulting arm for help

Councillor and TTC commissioner Norm Kelly named director ▶ Meeting held behind closed doors

Mayor Rob Ford has woken a long-dormant consulting arm of the TTC to help marshal a public-private partnership to finance and build the Sheppard subway extension.

Toronto Transit Consultants Ltd. will be responsible for taking the business case for the Sheppard subway before the federal government to make sure "our business model makes sense," TTC chair Karen Stintz said.

"Someone just needs to be shepherding through that process and there is nowhere in the TTC that we can do that ... so this consulting company has been re-established," she said.

Although the subway would be financed and built privately, the TTC would operate it, said Stintz.

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▶ TTC chair Karen Stintz

TTC commissioner Norm Kelly, the city councillor for Scarborough-Agincourt, was named director of the TTCL at a special public Toronto Transit Commission meeting early yesterday.

"New directors will be added with expertise in P3 application," said Stintz.

Reporters were not allowed into a private TTCL meeting yesterday, something that didn't sit well with some city councillors.

"Unless they're buying real estate there's no reason for it to be in private, said Shelley Carroll (Don Valley East), who has been skeptical of the mayor's plans to harness private capital to finance and build the subway he wants to run west to the Downsview subway station and east to Scarborough Town Centre.

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Message. For Sheen

▶ A message, composed by an unknown party in apparent reference to actor Charlie Sheen, is seen on a snow-covered vacant lot near the Gardiner Expressway off-ramp at Bathurst Street. The view was captured on Monday by Kimberley Fowler, an airborne traffic reporter for Global.

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Words to live by

Fight Portuguese dropout rate: Trustees

Two Toronto District School Board trustees are calling for a task force to find ways to tackle the steep 34 per cent dropout rate among students of Portuguese background — including the possibility of a Portuguese alternative school.

Trustee Maria Rodrigues, who is Portuguese, and new trustee Howard Kaplan will propose at today's board meeting that a group of educators and business and community leaders look for solutions to the lowest graduation rate in the city.

Meanwhile, it appears increasingly unlikely that the board will launch any of its proposed speciality schools this fall, such as a choir school, said trustee Cathy Dandy.

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Only 66 per cent of students of Portuguese background graduate high school in five years, compared to 76 per cent of Toronto students overall

Residents want to be left in the dark

One of Toronto's last unlit streets is about to get lights, even though the residents argue they will ruin its unique rural feel. There are no lights or sidewalks on Queensgrove Rd. in Scarborough. It's a wide-open street with small bungalows, sloping front yards, and the odd car bound for one of its 29 houses.

"Cottage country in the city" is how Wally Kraftcheck describes it. Sixty-nine years old, he has lived on the street with his wife Jeannette for four decades. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Developer's death shocks community

Toronto's heritage community is devastated by the death of a local developer heralded as a champion of the city's architectural past. Paul Oberman, president of Woodcliffe Properties, was killed in a plane crash in Maine on Monday.

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▶ Paul Oberman

Toronto company in haute water

A lawyer for haute fashion house Louis Vuitton wants three accused Canadian counterfeiters to cough up million of dollars in damages for peddling imposter goods. Michael Manson says Toronto-based Altech Productions along with Singga Enterprises and Carnation Fashion Company of Vancouver, are infringing on their trademark by importing fake fashions from China. He says these Canadian companies are large-scale, importing and selling items under the trademarked names.

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Libyans finally see the real Gadhafi

Uprising shatters Gadhafi's image as invulnerable, absolute power ▶ He's ruled for 40 years

Whatever happens next in Libya's three-week-old upheaval — Moammar Gadhafi's ouster, his endurance in power or even a drawn-out civil war — his image among his people as unquestioned leader has been wrecked, likely forever.

A mask has been torn away and a sense of invulnerability lifted. That's a heavy blow to a rule ultimately based on fear and mystique.

Part of Gadhafi's status grew from his system of "Jamahiriya," an Arabic word he created meaning roughly "state of the masses." It's supposed to be a kind of direct democracy as outlined in his Green Book manifesto.

The entire population meets in people's committees, feeding into higher committees and ultimately to the People's Congress. The people as a whole were to decide everything from foreign affairs to distribution of oil revenues.

But having everyone in charge ultimately meant no one in charge — except Gadhafi. His word would overrule anything, and leaked U.S. diplomatic cables describe how he took a direct hand in deciding on minute details.

At the same time, security services and militias were set up to spot and eliminate any dissidents.

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▶ Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi arrives at a hotel in Tripoli yesterday to give television interviews.

Libya's rebels slowed by tank, rocket attacks

After dramatic successes over the past weeks, Libya's rebel movement appears to have hit a wall of overwhelming power from loyalists of Moammar Gadhafi.

Pro-regime forces halted its drive on Tripoli with a heavy barrage of rockets in the east and threatened yesterday to recapture the closest rebel-held city to the capital in the west.

If Zawiya, on Tripoli's doorstep, is ultimately retaken, the contours of a stalemate would emerge — with Libya divided between a largely loyalist west and a rebel east as the world wrestles with the thorny question of how deeply to intervene.

The city of Zawiya was sealed off under a fifth day of a destructive siege, with conflicting reports of who was in control. A brigade led by one of Gadhafi's sons, Khamis, is believed to be leading the assault, shelling neighbourhoods with tank and artillery fire from the outskirts.

The city hospital has been overwhelmed with dead and wounded and many houses have been damaged, according to residents who escaped.

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▶ Anti-Gadhafi rebels carry their weapons as they head to the front line to fight pro-Gadhafi fighters in eastern Libya.

Intervention?

U.S. President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron spoke yesterday and agreed that the objective must be an end to violence in Libya and the departure of Gadhafi "as quickly as possible," according to a White House statement.

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United to face cancer

Foundation launches initiative to address emotional, social concerns of women diagnosed with the disease

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"We are simply not meant to face cancer alone."

Sherry Abbott speaks from the heart. The executive director of the Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association (CCTFA) Foundation is a 21-year cancer survivor. She is on a mission to encourage and empower people who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

The CCTFA recently commissioned a report and talked to 814 women who were facing cancer. What they found was staggering. Although their medical needs were being met, women felt there were no services in place to help them deal with the social and emotional effects of the disease. "The heart and souls of women with cancer also need care and attention," says Abbott.

On the heels of the landmark report, The CCTFA Foundation has launched a new initiative called Facing Cancer Together. Their new interactive website, sponsored by Shoppers Drug Mart, is the largest online show of support for women with Cancer. Women can now share, connect and find resources to help them during their recovery.

Dr. Alexandra Ginty will be contributing to the site. She is a family doctor trained in emergency medicine who was diagnosed with breast cancer a year ago. "I'm trained to handle traumatic situations but no one prepared me for facing cancer." She'll now be blogging about her journey and showing other women that they are not alone.

She writes:

"Cancer's a memory
hoping not to return
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leaves is what we
can learn."

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Report findings

The report's key findings:

- Almost 50% of respondents do not feel supported in their cancer journey.
- 70% of women surveyed feared recurrence of their cancer.
- 45% said they were not able to "get comfortable with the new normal."

Source: Lives Affected by Cancer ... 800 Women Speak

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▶ Pictured, left to right, are: Sherry Abbott, executive director, Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association (CCTFA) Foundation; Dr. Alexandra Ginty, cancer patient and blogger; Darren Praznik, president & CEO, CCTFA and CCTFA Foundation.

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Your e-mail 'writeprint' will trap you

Thinking of sending a nasty anonymous message? Think twice. These experts can trace you

Engineers and computer scientists at Concordia University say they have cracked the code for tracing anonymous e-mails.

For the first time, said data-mining expert Benjamin Fung, analysts have used complex, almost imperceptible human quirks to work out each person's unique email fingerprint or "writeprint."

"The people who wrote the e-mail don't even recognize what they are doing," Fung said.

"One of the features we break down is vocabulary richness."

Other telltale evidence can come from common grammatical mistakes, an unconscious extra space between each paragraph or patterns in punctuation.

Combinations are the key. All of the suspects may misspell "consensus." But not all of them misspell "consensus," use commas instead of periods and think "none" takes a plural verb.

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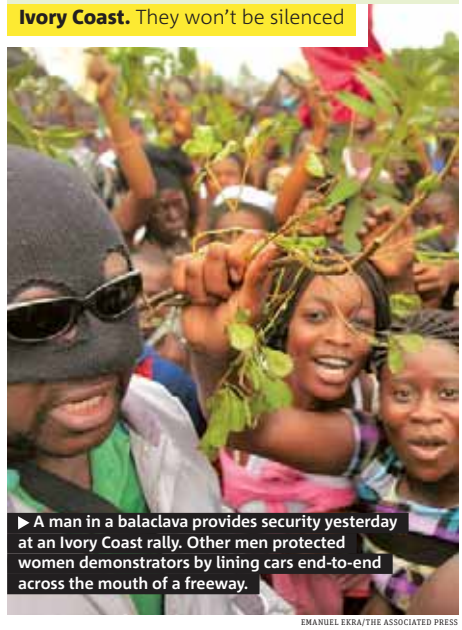
Not so perfect?

Concordia's code-cracking does have its limits:

- Can it trace an anonymous email sent from an Internet café? No, said Benjamin Fung. "We can at most infer the gender and the nationality."

Ivory Coast. They won't be silenced



▶ A man in a balaclava provides security yesterday at an Ivory Coast rally. Other men protected women demonstrators by lining cars end-to-end across the mouth of a freeway.

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Women defy the guns

In a act of bold defiance, thousands of Ivory Coast women converged yesterday on the bloodstained pavement where seven of their sisters were killed by soldiers' gunfire last week. Meanwhile, the army backing rogue strongman Laurent Gbagbo killed four more civilians. Gbagbo has refused to yield power after apparently losing an election.

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▶ Britain's Prince William and his fiancée, Kate Middleton, share a joke at Greenmount College during a visit to Northern Ireland yesterday.

What's in a name? A lot, if you marry a prince

William started calling her Catherine, she says call me Kate

Call her Kate, at least for now.

It may be years before Kate Middleton becomes queen, but questions are already being raised about the princess-to-be's preferred moniker: Queen Kate or Queen Catherine?

Ever since her engagement became official in November, palace officials — and her fiancé, Prince William — have taken to calling her Catherine, which is the name used on the official, gold-embossed invitations to their nuptials at Westminster Abbey on April 29.

"Catherine" sounds more formal, regal and fitting for a future queen, experts say.

But Middleton herself may not embrace the change just yet. During a joint visit yesterday with Prince William to Northern Ireland, Middleton mentioned casually that she thinks of herself primarily as Kate.

"I'm still very much Kate," said Middleton, when a woman outside Belfast City Hall asked her what name she preferred.

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Family sues over teen's ski death

Girl hit a tree at Blue Mountain, died instantly

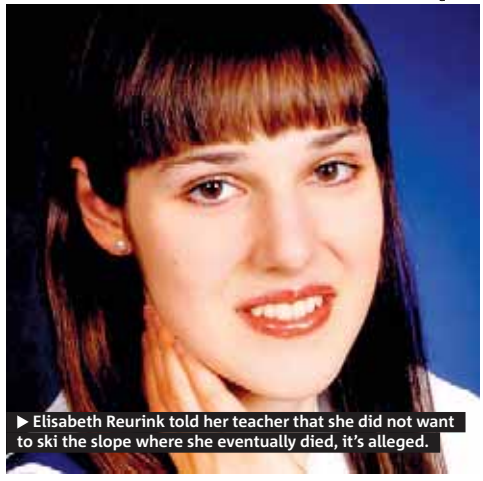
The family of a girl who died on a school trip to Blue Mountain Ski Resort has filed a $2-million lawsuit claiming she was pressured to ski a hill she wasn't ready for.

Elisabeth Reurink, 17, of London, Ont., died in March, 2009, after hitting a tree at the Collingwood resort.

A statement of claim filed with the Ontario Superior Court alleges Reurink, a student at London's Catholic Central High School, wasn't given enough instruction on how to ski.

It's also alleged the school board failed to take adequate safety precautions.

The teenager, who was wearing a helmet, lost control on the slope and hit a tree at the bottom, dying instantly, the statement of claim says.



▶ Elisabeth Reurink told her teacher that she did not want to ski the slope where she eventually died, it's alleged.

"She hit with such force her aorta and brain stem were severed," the statement of claim says.

The lawsuit lists the resort, the school board, school officials and two unnamed resort ski instructors as defendants.

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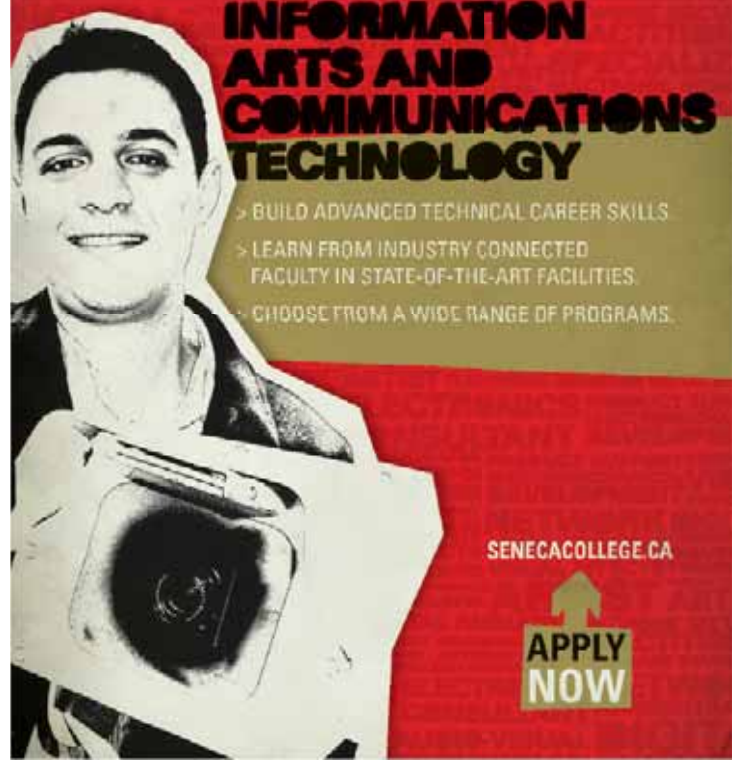

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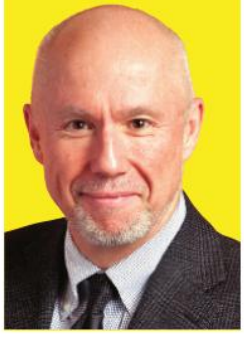

Hypocrisy is a tricky trait. We're more likely to spot it in others than in ourselves.

Recently, pop stars have been falling all over themselves to apologize, give back the money or confess they had no idea that they were paid millions to perform for the family of bloody Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

Now that Gadhafi is the Monster of the Month, Nelly Furtado, Beyoncé, Usher, 50 Cent, Mariah Carey and, er, the London School of Economics all admit that they took money from Libya, and a number of them, including Nelly and Usher, are giving it to charity or something. Beyoncé claims she sent hers to Haiti ages ago, but there was no mention of Libya at the time.

It's a million-dollar hit for the stars, but blood money is bad for your image, so donate those dollars.

It's easy to make fun of people who construct a moral code one tweet at a time, but let's be honest. It wasn't so long ago that Gadhafi seemed kinda cute. Remember when the United Nations wouldn't let him pitch his tent on the lawn? Remember the documents, released by WikiLeaks, that featured the flying squad of buxom Ukrainian nurses and that followed him everywhere?

You just forget that he has long been one of the Middle East's foremost terrorists and that, at one point, Libya took formal responsibility for the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, an act that killed 270 people. Aug. 16, 2003. Look it up.

So all these people knew they were singing and dancing for a murderer, but he was a murderer with money, all of it extracted from the Libyan people, many of whom are now dying under his boot.

But let's not get too high and mighty. We've all been on the Libyan gravy train for years. There's a helpful page on the Government of Canada website called Doing Business with Libya, which tells you how to follow the lead of Canadian companies such as SNC Lavelin and Suncor.

The site says the value of Canadian exports to Libya was almost $250 million in 2009, the year in which the Lockerbie bomber was released from a U.K. prison and welcomed home by Gadhafi as a national hero.

What's the difference between getting paid a million bucks for a song-and-dance routine and SNC Lavelin being paid $500 million to build the Benghazi Airport? Or Suncor drawing 50,000 barrels of oil a day out of Libya's now-scorched earth, as the Globe and Mail reports?

So, if you feel like tossing stones at Nelly, remember that biblical suggestion: Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.

Or at least hearken to The Who and don't get fooled again.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Trial before execution

Letters & Tweets

TORONTO. Congratulations to the Toronto city councillors who today stood up to "the bully," Rob Ford, and voted no to his attempt to remove the four remaining members of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation's board of directors, and shame on those who voted with the bully.

Ford spokeswoman Adrienne Batra, who accused the 16 councillors who voted no of not being interested in accountability, is wrong. The lack of accountability is in the actions of Mayor Ford as he bullied the citizen board members off the board through the media, rather than taking the time to listen to their responses to the auditor's report. I agree with Coun. Vaughan that Ford has acted as judge and executioner without having a trial.

I agree with Coun. Pam McConnell, who said, "From my perspective, I felt it was a reckless, knee-jerk reaction. It should never have happened. It should've never happened in this particular way and it jeopardized the safety and security and the mental health of all of the most vulnerable tenants in our city. I think it was terrible, and I wasn't prepared to engage in that kind of thing." This bullying of people without hearing them, so that public institutions like TCHC can be quickly privatized, is unacceptable to the people of Toronto.

MURRAY D. LUMLEY

Reprieve for TCHC board members

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Prepare to fork out more for food

Grocery — and beer — prices expected to rise as food costs jump

Canadians will be paying up to seven per cent more for groceries on average by the end of the year, economists say. That means a family that spends $400 a month on groceries could end up paying $340 extra in a year, as failing crops and high oil prices drive prices higher.

Canadians have been spared so far because of cutthroat grocery-store competition and the high dollar making the cost of imported goods cheaper.

But it's just a matter of time until higher commodity prices trickle down to grocery shelves and Canadians have to reach further into their wallets, says Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist at BMO Nesbitt Burns. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Food for thought

- Food companies are **raising prices** due to the soaring costs of wheat, corn, sugar and vegetable oil, which have gone up as much as 50 to 100 per cent over the past year.
- Observers expect **beer prices** to rise this year because of the high price of malting barley, which has seen poor harvests in Canada and Australia, two of the world's main growers.
- **George Weston Ltd., Maple Leaf Foods and Tim Hortons** are just a few of the food companies that say they will be charging more for their products in the coming weeks.

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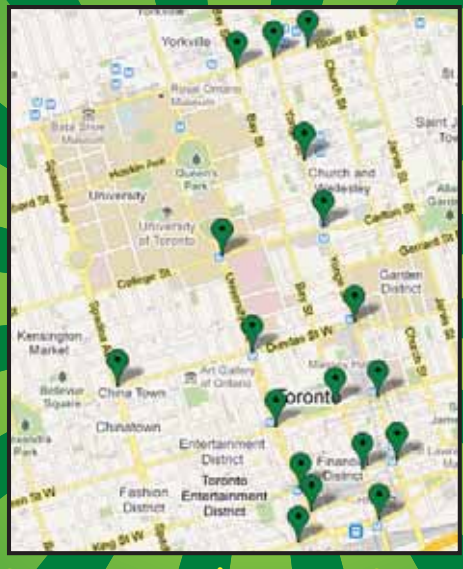

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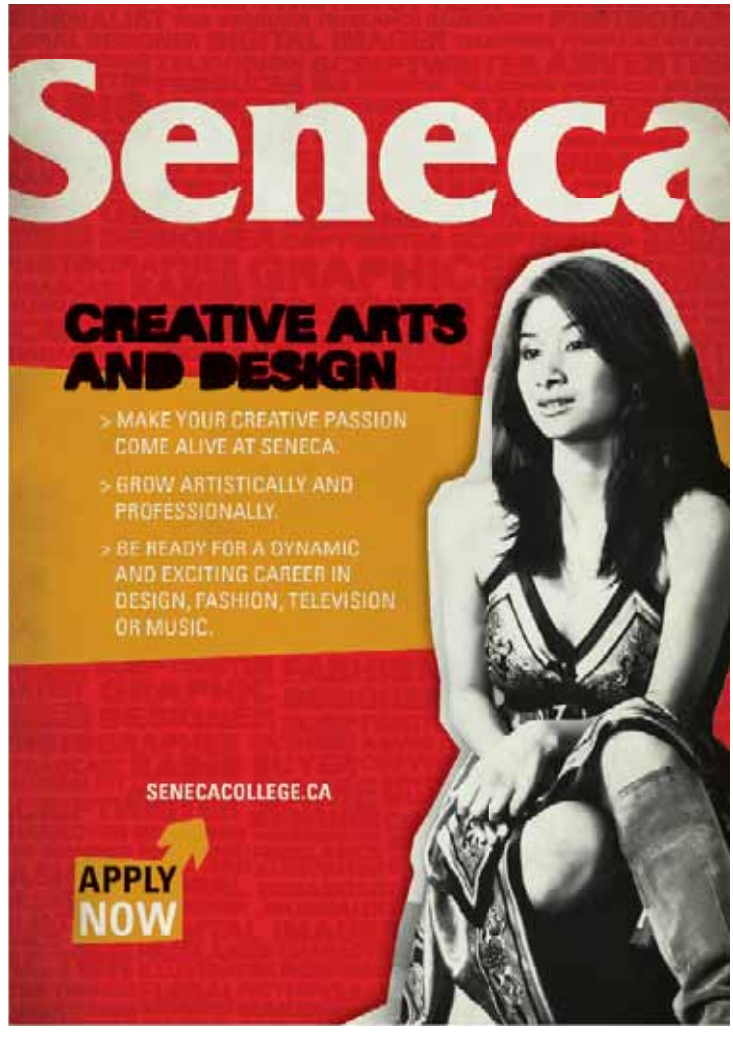

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Preparing for a life without his brother

The always outspoken Liam Gallagher leads his new band Beady Eye, out of the Oasis shadow

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Life after the death of Oasis begins for infamous singer-songwriter Liam Gallagher with his new band Beady Eye. Metro chatted with the 38-year-old musician, who declared he is starving for success and fears no one.

Are the beginnings of Beady Eye as exciting as they were for Oasis?
Of course. Any beginning is exciting. Our songs are just crazy, and we feel just great. We're going to kill everything. We've got what we need for that.

The album sounds very spontaneous. It sounds like a response to Oasis, a band who became maybe like a routine to you, didn't it?
When you're in a big machine like Oasis, it works by itself. Everything is becoming a routine, so it gets sometimes boring. We needed to create something new and fresh. That's why it sounds spontaneous.

What was your inspiration for (debut album) Different Gear, Still Speeding?
Rock 'n' roll. Nothing else. We just wanted to have fun. And that's rock 'n' roll: no brains, just feelings. It's as simple as that.

People will compare Beady Eye to Oasis. How are you prepared to respond to your fans and critics alike?
We are Oasis! Oasis became big because of the people who were in the band. We can do the exact same thing with Beady Eye. We are starving for success and we do not fear anyone. Our music is universal, and people will like it whether they live in Peru or in Paris. And if some people don't like it, it doesn't matter.

There is a huge electro-pop scene in England. Are you interested in that kind of sound?
I don't care. Why would we play dance music? It would be against our influences, against rock 'n' roll and against the Beatles! We're not going to play dance music just to be in fashion. It would be like wearing a dress. To me, those bands are just sh-t.

In the English press, not a week goes by without an article on Beady Eye and Oasis...
It's amazing how Oasis makes its own publicity on the back of Beady Eye. People have never been so interested in Oasis since it finished.

What would you say about this album. That it's the best album of the year? The album of the century?
No, I won't say that. I let you say it.

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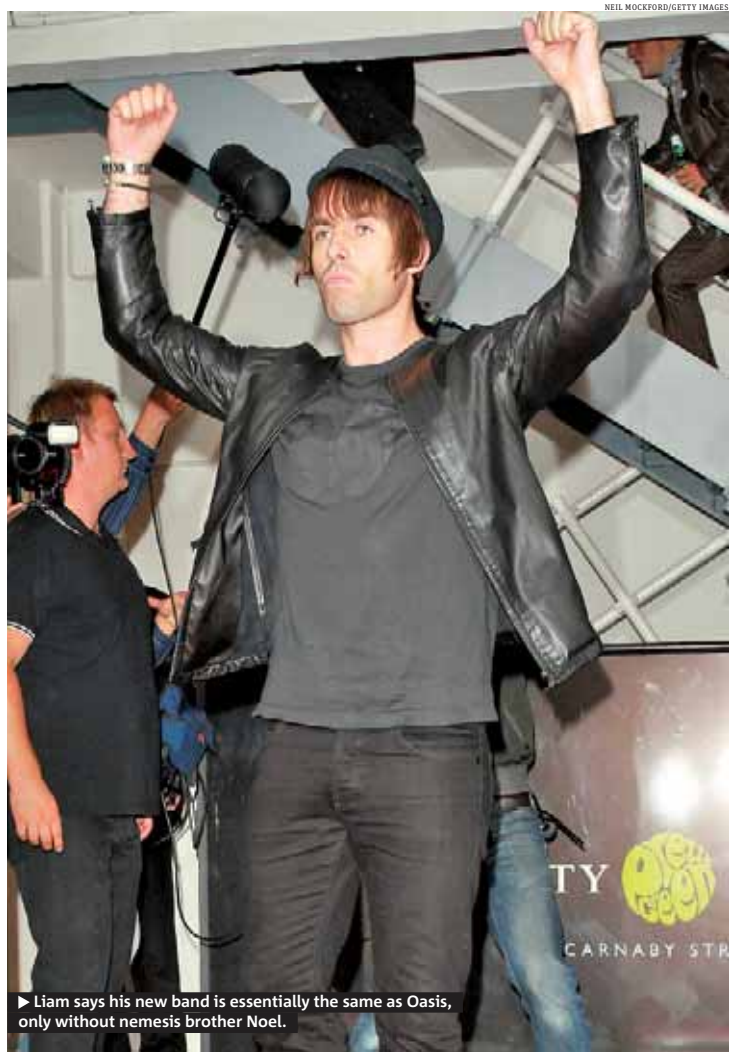

▶ Liam says his new band is essentially the same as Oasis, only without nemesis brother Noel.

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2) Sigh No More — Mumford & Sons
3) Wounded Rhymes — Lykke Li
4) Different Gear — Still Speeding — Beady Eye
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Years after Marvin's 1948 debut he made another appearance as the mascot on the Spirit rover sent to Mars.

This weekend Martians invade movie theatres in Mars Needs Moms, the story of little green marauders who kidnap human moms, joining a long list of Mars movies.

The 40-foot-tall Martian in The Angry Red Planet, a low budget 1959 flick, was actually a 15-inch-tall puppet made from elements of a rat, bat, spider, and crab. The campy creature was later featured on the cover of the Misfits' album Walk Among Us.

A few years later Robinson Crusoe on Mars used Death Valley, California as a substitute for the barren terrain of Mars and was so low budget it recycled props from other movies. The aliens are seen dressed in the spacesuits from Destination Moon and the Martian space crafts were borrowed from The War of the Worlds.

The year 2000 was a big one for Martian movies. Red Planet, starring Val Kilmer, Carrie-Ann Moss, and Benjamin Bratt as astronauts sent to Mars when Earth's efforts to colonize the planet are disrupted, features cinema's first computer voice to be completely computer generated.

Also released that year was Mission to Mars, the Brian De Palma film about the first manned mission to Mars.

The movie flopped domestically — it only has a 25 per cent Rotten Tomatoes rating — but was chosen as one of the top pictures of 2000 by Les Cahiers du cinema.

Not all Mars movies are actually set on Mars, however.

Despite its title, Abbott and Costello Go to Mars, the comedy duo never actually makes it to the red planet.

First their rocket lands in New Orleans, then Venus, where the Venusian women are all played by Miss Universe contestants.

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▶ Greg Iles

Author Greg Iles is hospitalized in serious condition after being injured in a traffic accident in southwestern Mississippi.

Patrice Guilfoyle, a spokeswoman for the University of Mississippi Medical Center, says Iles was admitted Monday night. She said privacy issues prevent her from giving out any other information.

Adams County Sheriff Chuck Mayfield says Iles, who lives in Natchez, was injured when his car collided with a pickup truck in U.S. Highway 61.

Iles has written a number of books including The Devil's Punchbowl.

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Bully Beatdown survives attack by activist group

CRTC rules that MTV show promotes discussion on dealing with violence ▶ Group could seek an appeal

An anti-bullying activist says he's disappointed with a ruling by the federal broadcast regulator that found MTV's Bully Beatdown doesn't break industry rules on the portrayal of violence on TV.

Rob Frenette, the Fredericton-based co-founder of the website BullyingCanada.ca, says he has asked a lawyer to review the decision to see if an appeal is warranted.

Frenette had complained to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission about the show, saying it sent all the wrong messages about violence and bullying.

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▶ Jason Mayhem Miller, host of Bully Beatdown

The show offers a chance for victims to get even with their neighbourhood or family bully with the services of a mixed martial artist.

The Canadian Broadcast Standards Council had already said the show didn't break any of the industry's internal rules about the portrayal of violence on TV.

The CRTC upheld that view on appeal.

"This is a disappointing ruling as someone who was bullied for 11 1/2 years," said Frenette.

The regulator agreed with MTV Canada that the show doesn't glamorize violence and actually promotes discussion about bullying.

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We're not Fat, we're legends

Canadian musicians talk about the challenges of staying healthy while rocking out on the road

▶ Randy Bachman, left, and Fred Turner. Turner lost over 120 ounds after deciding to hit the road while in his 60s.

A few years ago, Canadian rock legends Fred Turner and Randy Bachman decided they would hit the road for another tour together, but Turner had a problem.

He was in his mid-60s and — with years spent away from the proverbial public eye — he had watched his weight swell to over 300 pounds. Beyond wanting to look fit for the tour, he simply wasn't sure he could survive the rigours of the rock 'n' roll road in such condition.

So, he started exercising.

He ran kilometres a day on the treadmill, he pumped weights, he practised tai chi, he meditated and he began counting calories with the careful concentration of an accountant poring over a tax return.

In the end, he shed more than 120 pounds to wind up at his target weight: 185. But then as soon as the reunited band hit the road again, Turner saw that his newly slimmed-down frame was in danger of ballooning right back out.

"Because of the stress that's involved from the timetables, the stress from the travel — whether you're actually travelling by land or by air — when you're going out to do concerts ... you're out 24 hours a day, a lot of that time can be spent travelling and sitting in airports or sitting in a vehicle, and you know, not having any real motion or exercise or anything like that," Turner said in a telephone interview this week.

"It's tiring, and you can get bored with what's going on and if you happen to be the type of person who compensates with food, like I used to do, it can be very tough on you."

Indeed, while the allure of old-fashioned hard-living still holds plenty of ap-

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peal for many aspiring rockers, a growing number of musicians seems more preoccupied with the less glamorous pursuit of a healthy lifestyle — instead of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, it's sit-ups, diet foods and restraint that's on the menu for many.

Of course, it isn't easy. The road will shake even the most disciplined rockers from their usual routines, with home-cooking giving way to greasy pub breakfasts in the morning, fried fast food procured from rest stops in the afternoon and calorie-packed bottles of beer at night.

"The good food and the stuff you normally eat at home, you don't get it on the road," Turner said. "Unless you go to the supermarket, but what are you going to do with it then? You're going to cart it around with you? And you've (still) got to find someone to cook it, you know?"

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BIG YEAR CONTINUES FOR DIDO

Dido is due to have her first child this summer. It's already been a big year: She was nominated for an Academy Award for best song for co-writing If I Rise from the movie 127 Hours, and is finishing up a new album.

"I'm nearly done," she said last month about her upcoming album.

"Music will just start coming out as this year goes on."

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Amanda stays coy on Ryan Phillippe

Red Riding Hood star prefers to talk about ex, Dominic Cooper

Is Amanda Seyfried, 25, truly dating Ryan Phillippe, 36? The duo was seen hanging out late last year at Kate Hudson's Halloween party, and speculation has run rampant since. Now the actress tells Elle magazine: "Um, yeah, I've been 'seen' with him," but doesn't reveal much more.

The Red Riding Hood star is much more forthcoming about her previous relationship with Dominic Cooper, her co-star in Mamma Mia! "(It is) one of the easiest things in the world," she tells Elle. "You're both open. You're put in a situation where you have to make out with each other. It's easy for things to get carried away." METRO

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▶ Amanda Seyfried

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Sheen's lawyers getting busy

Charlie Sheen — you're tired of hearing about him. But his lawyers aren't. They're keeping busy, preparing for a battle with CBS, which just fired Sheen from the worldwide hit sitcom Two and a Half Men.

TMZ obtained a letter from the network to Sheen's lawyer, blasting the star for all his previous bad behaviour.

"Free at last," replied Sheen, waving a machete from a rooftop, according to the website.

Meanwhile, TMZ also reports that security has quadrupled around Sheen's gated community, because of possible snoopers. METRO

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Talking points

Phil Collins retires

PEOPLE. British singer and drummer Phil Collins has taken to his personal website to announce his retirement in a bid to clarify recent speculation over his career. In a post titled "Breaking News," the multiple Grammy award winner writes that he wants to explain his reasons "for calling it a day." Collins says he is stopping music so he can be a full-time father to his two young sons "on a daily basis" — not because of bad reviews, bad press or because he doesn't "feel loved." METRO

Baby Lyra has jazzy genes

BABIES. Jazz singer Jamie Cullum, 31, and his model wife, Sophie Dahl, 33, just had a little girl, named Lyra. Perhaps when she's a tad older, she'll enjoy reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, written by Sophie's grandfather Roald. METRO

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▶ This photo shows fragments of the planes that hit the World Trade Center in 2001, displayed at the Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America exhibit, at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The exhibit is scheduled to run until May 30.

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▶ Ku Klux Klan robes are displayed at the Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America exhibit.

America's history of terror examined

Philadelphia museum show looks at the more than 80 attacks on U.S. soil ▶ Aims to be a conversation starter on a difficult subject

It was one of the worst acts of terrorism in U.S. history, a deadly deed that filled the New York City sky with smoke and debris, thrust the nation into war, prompted restrictive new laws and intensified hostility toward foreigners.

Yet it happened nearly a century before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — on Black Tom Island, a munitions depot in New York Harbor sabotaged by German agents and American collaborators in 1916.

This and other examples of domestic terrorism are part of a new exhibition at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, tracing the evolution of revolution and exploring how panic and prejudice can disrupt the balance between safeguarding civil liberties and protecting the public.

"Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America" opened Friday and runs through May 30. Created by the International Spy Museum in Washington, it examines acts of revolution, sabotage, protest, subversion and extremism by foreign-born and home-grown militants, activists and spies from the Revolutionary War and onwards.

More than 80 domestic attacks from 1776 to the present are presented — along with how they sparked government responses that have changed American life, from the 1918 Sedition Act to the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. It is left for visitors to reach their own conclusions about whether the various changes over time have been for the better, said Peter Earnest, director of the Spy Museum and a former CIA operative.

"These issues will be with us until the end of the republic," said Earnest, noting that the show was created to be a teaching tool for the young, a history refresher for the old and a conversation starter for all.

Interactive polling stations, developed with the Gallup Organization, ask visitors' opinions on the nation's response to events presented in the show — along with results of Gallup polls through history asking the same questions.

Among them: Should the government have the authority to deport people suspected of supporting hostile groups? Should the FBI be allowed to investigate groups opposed to the U.S. government? Is violence by individuals ever justified to bring about change in society?

"The exhibit illustrates in a way that's very dramatic and visceral the challenges we face as a country from threats that often originate internally," said David Eisner, National Constitution Center president and CEO. "How do we protect our homeland ... and how do we at the same time guarantee constitutional protections for all of our citizens?"

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- **Exhibit** Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Through May 30 at the Constitution Center, Independence Mall, 525 Arch St., Philadelphia; constitutioncenter.org or 215-409-6600. Open Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. Adults, $12 US, students and seniors, $11; children 4-12, $8.
- **Artifacts** Included in the exhibit are a charred remnant of the White House torched by the British in 1814, Ku Klux Klan garments from the 1960s, and wreckage of the World Trade Center and the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, badges of American Protective League agents who spied on fellow Americans during the First World War.

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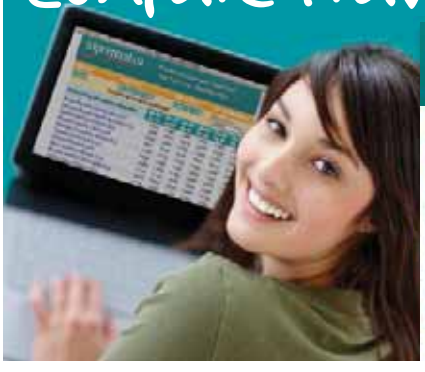

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Hollywood Star

Mexico's iconic spot on the Pacific Coast was a favourite with the Hollywood glitterati back in the 1950s. Nowadays adrenaline junkies come to cliff-dive off the jagged cliffs around La Quebrada, others spend their time snorkelling, jet-skiing, parasailing or hiking. **Sunset:** Acapulco is Mexico's nightlife wild-child with bars and high-end restaurants. Zibu (zibu.com.mx) serves an eclectic combo of Mexican and Thai dishes. Try the fish wrapped in banana leaves.

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Low-key Los Cabos is a favourite with camera-shy Hollywood stars. The 33-kilometre stretch of white sand between San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas is the aptly named "corredor turistico" (touristic corridor) studded with intimate beach huts and exclusive resorts. There's great golf, big game fishing and whale watching here. **Sunset:** Uber-glamorous Nikki Beach is for evening follies, with extravagant theme parties and on champagne on tap (nikkibeach.com).

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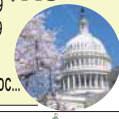

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▶ Cyclists rule the road in Amsterdam. Most Dutch riders never wear helmets and all ride similar one-speed bikes.

Taking a bike ride in Holland

Nearly everyone in Amsterdam rides a bicycle.

No one sweats.

As a longtime cyclist in New York City, and a sweaty guy who can raise a few droplets going to the end of the walk to retrieve the newspaper in January, that's how it seemed to me when I was there. I was prepared for the ubiquity of cyclists. But the refinement was a surprise.

Who knew that urban cycling — which I find mostly exhilarating and joyous, but occasionally a grim struggle for a sliver of pavement — could also be elegant?

This is how I saw the Dutch cyclists.

I ride to news assignments, sometimes in jacket and tie, feeling overdressed. I saw well-dressed men riding to work in Amsterdam, and they didn't seem remotely uncomfortable.

And the women! Granted that riding a bike is like playing the cello — one of those things that makes men look dorky and women look hot — but women bikers in Amsterdam seem to cut no fashion corners. High heels and skirts are not uncommon, whether they are headed to the office or carting a crateful of kids to school on one of those cargo bikes with a big box up front.

Part of staying fashionable is that no one wears a helmet. Not the riders; not the kids sitting up front or on the luggage rack. Either cycling is extraordinarily safe in Amsterdam or the lawyers aren't in charge yet.

The Amsterdammers ride these single-speed or at most three-speed bikes that are both monstrously heavy and in most parts of North America, at least, frightfully expensive.

Cyclists in Amsterdam routinely ignore traffic signals. And pity the pedestrian who wanders onto the wrong side of the line between the sidewalk and the bike lane, which is often worn away to a shadow. But the slower speeds made them seem nice to me, in the way a foreign language sounds exotic.

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Tomato Bruschetta

This recipe can easily be doubled or tripled for a larger group just by adjusting the amounts of the ingredients.

Tomato Bruschetta is the perfect start to a meal or to serve as a delicious appetizer with a glass of wine or a cocktail. And this version of bruschetta, with its grainy mustard touch will delight.

The simplicity of ingredients also allows for an authentic taste experience that can be created in a few steps.

Preparation:

1. Toast bread in oven.
2. Rub toasted bread with cut side of garlic and top with a drizzle of olive oil.
3. Dice tomatoes and onion and place in a bowl; add mustard. Stir lightly until coated.
4. Spread mixture on slices of toasted bread. Drizzle olive oil over top.
5. Garnish with chopped basil. Add salt and pepper and serve immediately.

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Ingredients:

- 4 slices ciabatta or French bread
- 2 cloves garlic, halved
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 Italian (Roma) tomatoes
- 1/2 onion
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grainy mustard
- 4 leaves basil, chopped
- Salt and pepper, to taste

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Mushroom Prosciutto Cups are great for serving as appetizers. They're flavourful and offer a great contrast in texture due to their crisp shell and soft creamy filling.

Preparation:

1. Coat mini muffin pans with cooking spray. Separate wonton wrappers and press into pans, pleating each to form a cup. Bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for 7 to 9 minutes or until crisp. Remove and let cool.
2. Meanwhile, in skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat; add onion and cook for 2 minutes or until lightly softened. Stir in mushrooms, garlic and rosemary and cook for about 4 minutes or until lightly browned. Reduce heat to medium; add water and vinegar and cook for another 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in cheese cubes and heat, stirring constantly, until melted and well mixed. Remove from heat and stir in prosciutto until combined. Season to taste with pepper.
3. Spoon 1 1/2 tbsp (22 mL) of the mixture into each cup; garnish as desired and serve warm.

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▶ This recipe produces 24 mushroom cups.

Ingredients:

- 24 thin wonton wrappers
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 8 oz (250 g) fresh mushrooms, coarsely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried rosemary leaves
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) balsamic vinegar
- 1 pkg (8 oz/250 g) light cream cheese, cubed
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While nobody claims that quitting smoking is easy, the Ontario Lung Association hopes a campaign that includes a new iPhone app will help young adults in the province butt out for good.

The app, which challenges players to use their lung capacity to play a sports-related game, is one component of the Quit & Get Fit campaign that encourages smokers to kick the habit with the aid of physical exercise.

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Quit & Get Fit is based on scientific studies that demonstrate how physical activity, and even deep breathing, can help reduce cravings and withdrawal symptoms, and also assist in curbing post-quitting weight gain, the association says.

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Help me, help them: Parents

Public school systems across America are setting a teaching trend by opening up institutions dedicated to turning parents into better homework helpers

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▶ Ellen Purtell, right, says she turns to her son, left, to help his younger sister with her homework as it gets more challenging.

Parents who help with homework think they have it bad with wacky new math in the lower grades. Try the ablative case in the second declension for high school Latin.

Susan Wheeler Fisk is ready with a resounding carpe diem! She enrolled in Latin I online with her 18-year-old senior to get him over the hump.

"This is a brand-new subject for me," said the former preschool teacher in Estes Park, Colo. "It's online, so there's no teacher. He said he didn't want a tutor, but he just needed to get his arms around the subject in a way that seemed like a tutor wouldn't offer anyway."

Fisk is grateful he was up for her help. It's hard enough getting a teen to do more than grunt in a parent's direction, so what happens when they clearly aren't clicking with schoolwork and the 'rents are no match for the Pythagorean theorem, Sophocles or the Federalist Papers?

Fisk has the time and background to make her hands-on homework help work. Many parents can barely hold on for the ride. Some are learning English as a second language, pull long hours on the job or don't have the academic experience they think they need to turn homework hell around for their middle school and high school kids.

> **"Now I'm able to check my kids' work with confidence that I'm providing accurate feedback."**
> SHELLY SMEADE, PARENT

"We have a lot of parents who have not finished high school or have only finished high school and are not confident," said Michele Brooks, assistant superintendent for family and student engagement for Boston public schools.

The system serving more than 56,000 children from pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 opened Parent University last year, primarily for low-income parents with kids in struggling schools. The free program of three-day workshops offers instruction in math, science and reading. It also guides them in broader areas like dealing with cyberbullying and social networks, positive approaches to discipline and signs of gang involvement.

Brooks said more than 500 parents participated last school year and the same number has already signed up this year. There's even a June graduation ceremony for mom or dad.

Shelly Smeade is vice-principal of a junior high in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and struggled with math as a child. She knew she needed a boost once her oldest daughter turned 14, so she attended the free Math for Moms and Dads course offered by Stevens-Henager College.

"Now I'm able to check my kids' work with confidence that I'm providing accurate feedback," she said.

The program has proven so popular that the Idaho Department of Education asked the college to offer it for parents in its 117 districts statewide.

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Before starting this year's spring cleaning, it is important to consider the following tips:

Keep, file, shred

Start by sorting through your papers and making three distinct piles: what you keep, what you file (and keep organized for later use) and what you shred. Whatever you decide to shred get rid of right away. It will make an immediate difference in the amount of space you have.

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Employees often believe that they own the content on their workplace computers and sometimes even the computers themselves. They are mistaken. Steve Rowe worked as a computer analyst in Sheridan College's IT department for 12 years. He had one of the highest paying positions in the department, a clean disciplinary record and full access to the college's servers and computers.

Rowe blurred the line between personal and professional computer use when he adopted one of the college's faster computers and used it to download a large amount of games, videos, movies, music, and pornography. Rowe gave at least 11 other people including friends, family and colleagues, access to the computer's media cache. Rowe's activities went undetected for years.

When a network audit later revealed some of Rowe's activities, the college seized his computers and started an investigation.

After confirming that Rowe had been using the college's server as a media hub for his circle of friends, the college quickly dismissed him. At a recent hearing, an arbitrator had to determine whether Rowe's personal use of his workplace computer could justify his immediate termination.

Rowe attempted to overturn his termination by arguing that the college overreacted to his misconduct. However, the arbitrator hearing the case disagreed, characterizing Rowe's conduct as "extremely poor judgement." Since Rowe's job required his employer to be able to trust him, his termination was upheld.

This case is an example of a broader problem in Canadian workplaces as employees too often get carried away with personal computer use at work. When they do, they should not expect that their actions will be immune from discipline as decision makers are becoming increasing aware of the damage computer misuse can cause and they are often unwilling to tolerate it. Both employees and employers can consider some of the following safeguards:

• Whether there is a policy on Internet or computer use at work and to what extent, if any, does the employer permit personal use.

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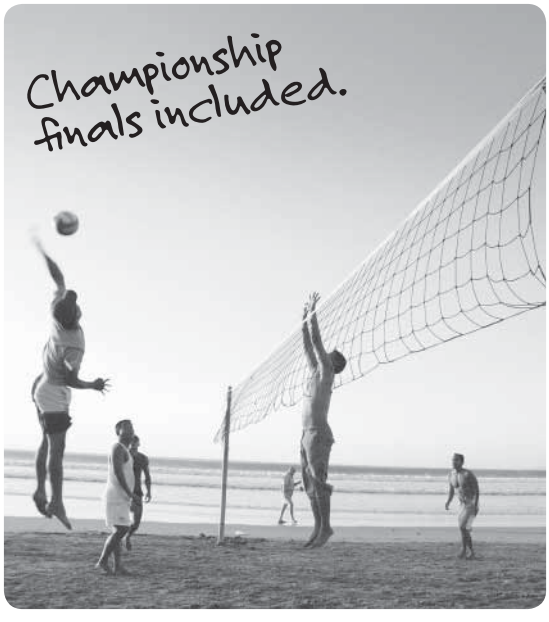

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▶ Leafs James Reimer and Brett Lebda react as the Islanders' Michael Grabner celebrates his goal in the third period.

The Maple Leafs are getting back where they think they belong, but not as quickly as they'd like.

The Leafs picked up a much-needed point in a 4-3 overtime loss to the New York Islanders last night, making a small gain on eighth-place Buffalo, which lost to Pittsburgh. Ninth-place Carolina was idle.

Radek Martinek scored in overtime for the Islanders to hold the Leafs to a point. Toronto is four points out of a playoff spot with 15 games remaining.

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Nikolai Kulemin scored in the third as the Leafs rallied for the third time in the game to put it into overtime. Tim Brent had a two-point night (a goal and an assist) and Keith Aulie got his first NHL goal.

Michael Grabner scored at 8:40 of the third but the Leafs responded — as they had all game — to tie it just over a minute later. Kulemin put in some hard work in front of the Islanders net and was rewarded with a goal, a rebound off a Mikhail Grabovski shot at 9:48.

Leafs coach Ron Wilson had juggled his lines in the second, flipping Phil Kessel and Clarke MacArthur. Joffrey Lupul moved to right wing with MacArthur on Tyler Bozak's left.

The Islanders outplayed the Leafs almost the entire game. Playing with nothing to lose, they hit the Leafs from the opening faceoff and peppered goalie James Reimer with shots.

The schedule doesn't get any easier for Toronto, with the Islander game marking the first of seven games in 12 nights against Eastern Conference opponents. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Toronto (17-46) opens a three-game home stand hoping a return home will help it get back into the win column after losing two games to the New Jersey Nets in England.

Utah looks to continue its domination of Toronto, chasing its 12th straight victory over the Raptors. The Jazz (33-31) began their four-game trip with a 131-109 loss to New York on Monday.
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Morneau back in action

Minnesota Twins star Justin Morneau hit a three-run double in a spring training B game yesterday, the first time the Canadian slugger has played since a concussion sidelined him in July.

The 2006 AL MVP was at first base a day after he received medical clearance from his doctor following an hour-long conversation.

"We figured now is as good a time as any to see if my body was ready for this," said Morneau, a native of New Westminster, B.C. "I'll have a day off tomorrow. Then I'll come back and get some more work."

"I'm not more at risk than anybody else with a fastball to the head or anything else. That was kind of what I needed to hear," he said.

Facing the Pittsburgh Pirates on a back field at the Lee County Sports Complex in a morning game, Morneau grounded into a fielder's choice in his first at-bat. He then drove in three runs with a bases-loaded double down the line.

"It was exciting for him. It was a fun day," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We'll see how he feels and then, day by day, slowly work him into it."

Teammate Carl Pavano noted that Morneau is sporting a handlebar-style moustache.

"You've got to be feeling really good if you're going to be wearing that around here," Pavano said.

Morneau said he's happy to finally take this important step, but he's still mixing caution with his optimism.

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▶ Manitoba skip Jeff Stoughton gets ready to throw his rock against the Northwest Territories/Yukon during the Brier in London yesterday.

Top rinks climb back from deficits at Brier

At 6-0, Manitoba looks to win first national title since 1999 ▶ Alberta wins tight draw with Nova Scotia

Manitoba skip Jeff Stoughton remained unbeaten at the Tim Hortons Brier with a 10-4 win over Jamie Koe of the Northwest Territories/Yukon yesterday.

Stoughton has a perfect 6-0 record after nine draws at the Canadian men's curling championship. The veteran skip was down 3-1 early before turning the game around.

"We made them make some really tough shots and they couldn't pull it out," Stoughton said.

"So it worked out great."

Alberta's Kevin Martin held off a stiff challenge from Nova Scotia's Shawn Adams. The Olympic champion scored three with a double takeout in the ninth end for a 9-7 victory.

"The way the week is going we just didn't hang the heads, we just kept on rolling."
JEFF STOUGHTON ON MANITOBA'S WIN OVER NORTHWEST TERRITORIES/YUKON

"We hung in there," Martin said. "I think that's the moral of that game.

"We got down early and it wasn't really anyone's fault. Then just some bad breaks and we came back strong."

Martin moved into sole possession of second place at 5-1. Newfoundland and Labrador's Brad Gushue and Ontario's Glenn Howard were tied for third place at 4-1. Gushue and Howard were scheduled to play each other last night at the John Labatt Centre.

In the other morning games, Northern Ontario beat Quebec 8-5 and Prince Edward Island downed New Brunswick 8-5.

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CRICKET WORLD CUP

Kiwis take advantage of Pakistan

It was the same old unpredictable Pakistan at a new cricket venue.

The 1992 champion, which had won three straight World Cup games, slumped to a 110-run defeat to New Zealand in a Group A match at Pallekele in Sri Lanka yesterday.

At Chittagong in Bangladesh, England suffered another injury setback when pace bowler Stuart Broad was ruled out of the tournament with a side strain a day after Kevin Pietersen flew back for hernia surgery.

In the only match of the day, Pakistan was sloppy and captain Shahid Afridi failed to take control, once going through two overs with the field set for a bowling power play and failing to inform the umpires.

In the event, birthday boy Ross Taylor made 131 not out to help New Zealand notch up 302-7.

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Messi leads Barcelona to victory

Lionel Messi scored twice and Barcelona took advantage of Robin Van Persie's ejection to beat Arsenal 3-1 last night to reach the Champions League quarter-finals on 4-3 aggregate.

Arsenal, which didn't have a shot on goal all game, levelled when Barcelona defender Sergio Busquets headed into his own net in the 53rd.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	66	41	19	3	3	212	175	88	21-10-1-2	20-9-2-1	4-5-1-0	W1
d-Washington	67	37	20	5	5	178	167	84	19-8-2-5	18-12-3-0	8-2-0-0	W5
d-Boston	66	38	20	3	5	200	156	84	16-12-2-2	22-8-1-3	7-2-1-0	L2
Montreal	67	37	23	4	3	180	168	81	21-8-3-3	16-15-1-0	6-3-0-1	W5
Pittsburgh	68	39	21	5	3	196	167	86	21-11-2-0	18-10-3-3	4-2-3-1	W2
Tampa Bay	66	37	21	3	5	196	200	82	21-8-1-4	16-13-2-1	3-4-0-3	L4
NY Rangers	68	35	29	2	2	193	164	74	15-17-1-2	20-12-1-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Buffalo	66	32	26	7	1	190	190	72	14-15-2-1	18-11-5-0	5-3-1-1	L1
Carolina	66	31	26	4	5	191	201	71	18-10-1-2	13-16-3-3	5-4-0-1	L1
Toronto	67	29	28	5	5	176	206	68	15-12-3-4	14-16-2-1	5-1-2-2	L2
Atlanta	66	27	28	4	7	184	214	65	14-14-1-5	13-14-3-2	3-6-0-1	W1
New Jersey	66	30	32	3	1	140	170	64	15-14-2-1	15-18-0-1	8-2-0-0	L1
Florida	67	27	31	5	4	168	186	63	13-13-5-3	14-18-0-1	3-5-2-0	W1
NY Islanders	68	26	32	5	5	188	215	62	15-15-1-4	11-17-4-1	5-2-2-1	W1
Ottawa	66	23	34	5	4	149	207	55	11-18-2-3	12-16-3-1	5-4-0-1	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	67	42	16	4	5	216	155	93	23-7-1-4	19-9-3-1	6-4-0-0	W2
d-Detroit	66	39	19	5	3	219	193	86	17-10-3-2	22-9-2-1	5-3-1-1	L3
d-San Jose	66	38	22	4	2	185	167	82	17-11-2-1	21-11-2-1	8-2-0-0	L1
Chicago	67	37	24	2	4	220	186	80	21-14-0-0	16-10-3-3	8-2-0-0	L1
Dallas	66	36	23	3	4	184	186	79	18-9-2-3	18-14-1-1	4-5-1-0	W2
Calgary	68	35	24	3	6	207	193	79	21-10-1-3	14-14-2-3	7-2-0-1	W2
Phoenix	67	34	23	6	4	191	194	78	16-11-3-2	18-12-3-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	66	36	25	3	2	183	163	77	20-11-2-0	16-14-1-2	5-3-1-1	L2
Minnesota	67	35	25	2	5	176	176	77	17-13-1-3	18-12-1-2	5-3-1-1	W1
Anaheim	66	35	26	3	2	182	193	75	20-11-1-1	15-15-2-1	4-5-1-0	L1
Nashville	66	33	24	5	4	167	156	75	15-7-4-3	18-17-1-1	3-5-1-1	L1
Columbus	65	31	26	3	5	180	196	70	16-13-0-2	15-13-3-3	4-3-0-3	L5
St. Louis	66	29	27	5	5	182	198	67	19-11-1-3	10-17-3-2	3-7-0-0	W1
Colorado	66	26	32	7	1	187	229	60	14-16-4-0	12-16-3-1	1-7-1-1	L6
Edmonton	67	23	36	1	7	170	219	54	12-19-1-3	11-17-1-3	6-4-0-0	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Montreal 4 Boston 1
Ottawa 2 New Jersey 1
N.Y. Islanders 4 Toronto 3 (OT)
Philadelphia 4 Edmonton 1
Florida 3 Chicago 2
Pittsburgh 3 Buffalo 1
Minnesota 5 Colorado 2
Vancouver at Phoenix
Nashville at San Jose
Monday's results
Washington 2 Tampa Bay 1 (SO)
St. Louis 5 Columbus 4 (SO)
Dallas 4 Los Angeles 3 (OT)
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Edmonton at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, 10:35 p.m. (changed from 10 p.m.)

ISLANDERS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 3 (OT)

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Brown Tor, Haley NYI (roughing) 2:54, Grabovski Tor (high-sticking) 8:35, Grabner NYI (hooking) 10:38, New York bench (too many men; served by Tavares) 12:37.
Second Period
1. N.Y. Islanders, Konopka 2 (Jurcina, DiBenedetto) 2:15
2. Toronto, Aulie 1 (Brent, Brown) 2:49
3. N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 9 (Okposo, MacDonald) 11:17
4. Toronto, Brent 8 (Armstrong) 18:44
Missed penalty shot — M.Martin NYI, 7:45.
Penalty — Haley NYI (roughing) 14:00.
Third Period
5. N.Y. Islanders, Grabner 27 (Comeau, Bailey) 8:40
6. Toronto, Kulemin 25 (Grabovski, Kessel) 9:48
Penalties — None.
Overtime
7. N.Y. Islanders, Comeau 19 (Martinek, Nielsen) 4:02
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Toronto	9	9	8	1—27
N.Y. Islanders	11	14	12	3—40

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (L,12-5-4); N.Y. Islanders: Montoya (W,6-2-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 0-3; N.Y. Islanders: 0-1.
Attendance — 9,217 (16,234) At Uniondale, N.Y.

SENATORS 2, DEVILS 1

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Tallinder NJ (hooking) 1:09.
Second Period
1. Ottawa, Condra 3 (Shannon, Greening) 4:45
Penalties — Karlsson Ott (high-sticking) 7:37, Z.Smith Ott (hooking) 9:22, Kuba Ott (holding) 10:10, Fayne NJ (holding) 18:42.
Third Period
2. New Jersey, Elias 15 (Rolston, Zubrus) 4:01
3. Ottawa, Condra 4 (Spezza, Phillips) 17:47
Penalties — Spezza Ott (hooking), Rolston NJ (diving) 9:18.
Shots on goal by

Ottawa	8	5	8	—21
New Jersey	7	14	11	—32

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (W,18-18-3); New Jersey: Ma.Brodeur (L,17-20-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-2; New Jersey: 0-3.
Attendance — 15,978 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

FLYERS 4, OILERS 1

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Briere 29 (Carle, Leino) 8:54
2. Philadelphia, Carter 29 (Briere, C.Giroux) 17:40 (pp)
Penalties — Pronger Pha (hooking) 1:00, Omark Edm (interference) 2:37, Smid Edm (boarding major) 12:57, O'Donnell Pha (high-sticking) 18:25.
Second Period
3. Philadelphia, Carter 30 (Timonen, van Riemsdyk) 7:05
4. Edmonton, Jacques 4 (Smid) 8:00
Penalties — MacIntyre Edm (elbowing) 12:37, Timonen Pha (interference) 16:46.
Third Period
5. Philadelphia, Betts 5 (C.Giroux) 19:18 (en)
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Edmonton	1	11	13	—25
Philadelphia	17	5	5	—27

Goal — Edmonton: Dubnyk (L,10-10-6); Philadelphia: Bobrovsky (W,25-11-4).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Edmonton: 0-3; Philadelphia: 1-4.
Attendance — 19,730 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

CANADIENS 4, BRUINS 1

First Period
1. Montreal, Eller 6 (Moen, Mara) 8:21
2. Montreal, Eller 7 (Moen, Kostitsyn) 17:37
Penalties — Boychuk Bos (fighting), White Mtl (instigating, fighting, misconduct) 3:11, Seguin Bos (tripping) 5:51.
Second Period
3. Montreal, Gionta 24 (Gomez, Plekanec) 7:15 (pp)
4. Montreal, Wisniewski 8 (Cammalleri, Desharnais) 15:09 (pp)
Penalties — Plekanec Mtl (kneeing) 0:55, Kelly Bos (hooking) 6:41, Hamrlik Mtl (tripping) 9:26, Montreal bench (too many men; served by Pacioretty) 11:34, Boychuk Bos (tripping) 14:31, Chara Bos (interference major, game misconduct) 19:44.
Third Period
5. Boston, Lucic 29 (Krejci) 13:21
Missed penalty shot — Marchand Bos, 4:08.
Penalty — Lucic Bos (roughing) 17:34.
Shots on goal by

Boston	11	6	14	—31
Montreal	9	11	5	—25

Goal — Boston: Rask (L,9-12-1). Montreal: Price (W,32-21-6).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Boston: 0-4. Montreal: 2-5.
Referees — Eric Furlatt, Bill McCreary. **Linesmen** — Tony Sericolo, Mark Shewchyk.
Attendance — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
D.Sedin, Vcr	34	47	81
Stamkos, TB	41	38	79
St. Louis, TB	24	52	76
H.Sedin, Vcr	15	61	76
Ovechkin, Wash	25	44	69
Zetterberg, Det	18	51	69
Perry, Ana	31	37	68
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Iginla, Cal	30	36	66
Toews, Chi	27	38	65

Not including last night's games

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	7	4	.636
Detroit	8	5	.615
Minnesota	6	4	.600
Seattle	5	4	.556
Boston	6	5	.545
L.A. Angels	6	5	.545
Texas	6	5	.545
Baltimore	4	4	.500
N.Y. Yankees	5	5	.500
Oakland	5	6	.455
Cleveland	4	6	.400
Toronto	4	6	.400
Chicago W.Sox	3	6	.333
Tampa Bay	3	7	.300

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	9	4	.692
Washington	6	3	.667
Atlanta	7	4	.636
Cincinnati	7	4	.636
St. Louis	6	4	.600
Florida	5	4	.556
Colorado	6	5	.545
Milwaukee	6	5	.545
Philadelphia	6	6	.500
Pittsburgh	6	6	.500
San Diego	4	5	.444
L.A. Dodgers	5	7	.417
Chicago Cubs	4	7	.364
N.Y. Mets	4	7	.364
Arizona	5	9	.357
Houston	3	9	.250

Yesterday's results
Tampa Bay 3 Toronto 2 (10 ings)
Arizona 16 Cleveland 4
Boston (ss) 3 Houston (ss) 2
Boston (ss) 8 St. Louis 7
Chicago White Sox 9 Colorado (ss) 8
Cincinnati 5 Kansas City 2
Colorado (ss) 4 Chicago Cubs 0
Florida 9 Detroit 5
Houston (ss) 5 N.Y. Mets (ss) 4
L.A. Angels 2 Texas 1
L.A. Dodgers 7 Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Yankees 5, Atlanta 4
Oakland 6 San Diego 2
Philadelphia 4, Baltimore 3
Pittsburgh 5 Minnesota 2
Seattle 1 San Francisco 0
Washington 4 N.Y. Mets (ss) 3 (10 ings)

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
New Zealand	4	3	0	1	0	6
Pakistan	4	3	0	1	0	6
Australia	3	2	1	0	1	5
Sri Lanka	4	2	1	1	1	5
Zimbabwe	3	1	0	2	0	2
Canada	**4**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**2**
Kenya	4	0	0	4	0	0

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
India	3	2	1	0	0	5
England	4	2	1	1	0	5
South Africa	3	2	0	1	0	4
West Indies	3	2	0	1	0	4
Bangladesh	3	1	0	2	0	2
Ireland	3	1	0	2	0	2
Netherlands	3	0	0	3	0	0

Yesterday's result
At Kandy (Pallekele), Sri Lanka
New Zealand (302 for seven) def. Pakistan (192, all out) by 110 runs.
Monday's result
At New Delhi
Canada (199-five) def. Kenya (198, all out) by five wickets.
Today's match
At New Delhi
India vs. Netherlands
Tomorrow's match
At Kandy (Pallekele), Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka vs. Zimbabwe
Friday's matches
At Mohali (Chandigah), India
West Indies vs. Ireland
At Chittagong, Bangladesh
Bangladesh vs. England

PAKISTAN VS. NEW ZEALAND

At Kandy (Pallekele), Sri Lanka
Scoreboard yesterday from the World Cup Group A match at Pallekele International Cricket Stadium:
New Zealand won the toss
New Zealand, Innings

Martin Guptill b Afridi	57
Brendon McCullum b Akhtar	6
Jamie How lbw b Gul	4
Ross Taylor (not out)	131
James Franklin lbw b Hafeez	1
Scott Styris lbw b Gul	28
Nathan McCullum b Gul	19
Jacob Oram c Gul b Rehman	25
Kyle Mills (not out)	7

Extras (10lb, 3nb, 11w): 24
Total: 302 for seven wickets. **Overs:** 50.
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-55, 3-112, 4-113, 5-175, 6-210, 7-295.
Did not bat: Daniel Vettori, Tim Southee.
Pakistan, Bowling: Shoaib Akhtar 9-0-70-1 (3nb 3w), Abdur Rehman 10-0-60-1 (1w), Umar Gul 10-1-32-3 (2w), Abdul Razzaq 4-0-49-0 (4w), Shahid Afridi 10-0-55-1, Mohammad Hafeez 7-0-26-1 (1w).
Pakistan, Innings

Mohammad Hafeez lbw b Southee	5
Ahmed Shehzad lbw b Mills	10
Kamran Akmal c Taylor b Southee	8
Younis Khan b Mills	0
Misbah-ul-Haq c Styris b Southee	7
Umar Akmal c Oram b Nathan McCullum	38
Shahid Afridi b Oram	17
Abdul Razzaq c Oram b Styris	62
Abdur Rehman lbw b Nathan McCullum	1
Umar Gul (not out)	34
Shoaib Akhtar c Nathan McCullum b Styris	0

Extras (6lb, 4w): 10
Total (all out): 192. **Overs:** 41.4.
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-23, 3-23, 4-23, 5-45, 6-66, 7-102, 8-125, 9-191, 10-192.
New Zealand, Bowling: Kyle Mills 8-1-43-2, Tim Southee 8-1-25-3, Jacob Oram 10-1-47-1, James Franklin 5-0-26-0, Nathan McCullum 6-0-28-2 (4w), Scott Styris 4.4-0-17-2.
Result: New Zealand won by 110 runs.
Umpires: Daryl Harper, Australia and Nigel Llong, England.
Third/TV Umpire: Ian Gould England.
Match Referee: Chris Broad, England.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
dx-Boston	46	15	.754	—
d-Chicago	44	18	.710	2½
d-Miami	43	21	.672	4½
Orlando	40	24	.625	7½
Atlanta	37	27	.578	10½
New York	33	29	.532	13½
Philadelphia	33	30	.524	14
Indiana	27	36	.429	20
Charlotte	26	37	.413	21
Milwaukee	24	38	.387	22½
Detroit	23	41	.359	24½
New Jersey	19	43	.306	27½
Toronto	17	46	.270	30
Washington	16	47	.254	31
Cleveland	12	51	.190	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	51	12	.810	—
Dallas	46	17	.730	5
d-L.A. Lakers	46	19	.708	6
d-Oklahoma City	39	23	.629	11½
Denver	37	27	.578	14½
Portland	37	27	.578	14½
New Orleans	37	29	.561	15½
Memphis	36	29	.554	16
Phoenix	32	29	.525	18
Utah	33	31	.516	18½
Houston	33	32	.508	19
Golden State	28	35	.444	23
L.A. Clippers	24	40	.375	27½
Sacramento	15	46	.246	35
Minnesota	15	50	.231	37

d – division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth

Last night's results
Golden State 95 Cleveland 85
L.A. Lakers 101 Atlanta 87
Milwaukee 95 Washington 76
Philadelphia 110 Indiana 100
Portland 105 Miami 96
Houston at Phoenix
Monday's results
L.A. Clippers 92 Charlotte 87
Portland 89 Orlando 85
New York 131 Utah 109
Chicago 85 New Orleans 77
Memphis 107 Oklahoma City 101
Dallas 108 Minnesota 105
Houston 123 Sacramento 101
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Golden State at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Utah at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 7 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	58	538	449	1630	28.1
Stoudemire, NYK	61	607	378	1602	26.3
James, MIA	61	562	403	1601	26.2
Wade, MIA	59	538	373	1497	25.4
Anthony, NYK	58	510	394	1466	25.3
Bryant, LAL	64	578	365	1607	25.1
Ellis, GOL	62	582	286	1547	25.0

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

ROUND OF 16
Second Leg
Yesterday's results
Barcelona (Spain) 3 Arsenal (England) 1
(Barcelona advances on 4-3 aggregate)
Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 3, AS Roma (Italy) 0
(Shakhtar advances on 6-2 aggregate)
Today's games
Schalke vs. Valencia, 2:45 p.m.
Tottenham vs. AC Milan, 2:45 p.m.

CURLING

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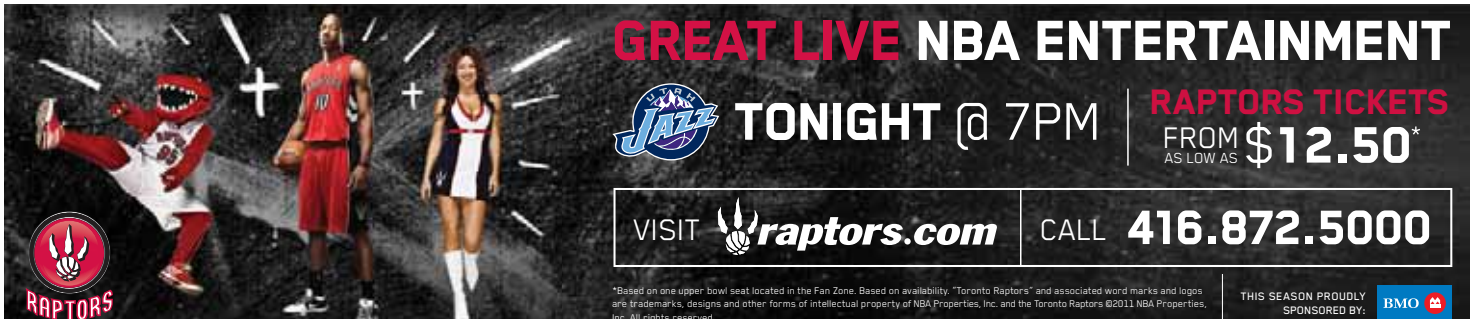
At London, Ont.

Province (Skip)	W	L
Alberta (Martin)	6	1
Manitoba (Stoughton)	6	1
Ontario (Howard)	6	1
N.L. (Gushue)	5	2
Saskatchewan (Laycock)	4	3
Northern Ont. (Jacobs)	3	4
Nova Scotia (Adams)	3	4
B.C. (Cotter)	2	5
New Brunswick (Gratton)	2	5
NWT/Yukon (Koe)	2	5
Quebec (Gagne)	2	5
P.E.I. (MacKenzie)	1	6

Yesterday's results
Ninth Draw
Manitoba 10 Northwest/Yukon Territories 4
Alberta 9 Nova Scotia 7
Prince Edward Island 8 New Brunswick 5
Northern Ontario 8 Quebec 5
Draw 10
Nova Scotia 10 Northern Ontario 5
Ontario 6 Newfoundland & Labrador 1
Alberta 7 Quebec 5
Saskatchewan 6 British Columbia 4
Draw 11
British Columbia 6 New Brunswick 5
Saskatchewan 8 Prince Edward Island 7
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 NWT/Yukon 3
Ontario 7 Manitoba 4
Monday's results
Sixth Draw
Newfoundland & Labrador 7 Saskatchewan 6
Ontario 7 British Columbia 5
Seventh Draw
Alberta 9 Prince Edward Island 2
Manitoba 8 Northern Ontario 4
New Brunswick 7 Quebec 5
Nova Scotia 9 Northwest/Yukon Territories 2
Eighth Draw
Newfoundland & Labrador 9 Alberta 4
Northern Ontario 7 British Columbia 5
Nova Scotia 7 Saskatchewan 6
Ontario 12 Quebec 4
Today's games
All times Eastern
Draw 12, 9:30 a.m.
Alberta vs. Saskatchewan; British Columbia vs. Quebec; Northern Ontario vs. Ontario; Nova Scotia vs. Newfoundland & Labrador.
Draw 13, 2:30 p.m.
Ontario vs. Prince Edward Island; New Brunswick vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Saskatchewan vs. Manitoba; British Columbia vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories.
Draw 14, 7:30 p.m.
Northwest/Yukon Territories vs. Quebec; Manitoba vs. Alberta; New Brunswick vs. Nova Scotia; Northern Ontario vs. Prince Edward Island.

WORLD JUNIOR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Perth, Scotland
MEN
Yesterday's results
Sixth Draw
Canada 8 Denmark 1
China 6 Norway 5 (extra end)
Scotland 8 U.S. 4
Sweden 7 Finland 2
Switzerland 6 Czech Republic 4
WOMEN
Yesterday's results
Fifth Draw
Canada 15 France 4
Scotland 6 Czech Republic 4
Norway 10 Switzerland 4
Russia 10 Japan 1
U.S. 8 Sweden 2
Sixth Draw
Switzerland 10 **Canada** 3
Russia 9 Norway 3
Sweden 7 Scotland 6
Czech Republic 11 France 3
Japan 7 U.S. 6 (extra end)



Sports in brief

Union to NFL: We need more financial info

TALKS. The NFL and the players' union have wrapped up a 13th day at a federal mediator's office, and two key issues are how to split $9 billion US in revenues and how much financial information the league will turn over. Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith left yesterday after about 9½ hours, the longest session since mediator George Cohen began overseeing the labour talks Feb. 18.

The current CBA was set to expire last week, but two extensions now have pushed the cutoff to the end of Friday.

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Tiki back, but not as a Giant

NFL. After four years in retirement, former New York Giants running back Tiki Barber is looking to get back into the NFL.

It won't be with the Giants, though.

The Giants acknowledged yesterday that the 35-year-old Barber has asked to be taken off the reserve-retirement list and that they will release him once the league allows it.

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Greinke out with injury

MLB. Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Zack Greinke is likely to begin the season on the disabled list because of a fractured right rib he injured while playing pickup basketball.

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NFL coach leads Rays over Jays

- With Raheem Morris in the dugout, Tampa Bay wins
- Marc Rzepczynski tossed three no-hit innings

Tampa Bay's guest manager looked and played the part.

Raheem Morris slipped on a Rays uniform, carried the lineup card to home plate, pulled his starting pitcher in the fourth inning and boasted "I'm 1-0" after beating the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2 in 10 innings yesterday.

"It was all about Raheem," said Rays manager Joe Maddon, who invited the Buccaneers coach and his staff to spend a day in spring training with the AL East champions.

"I gave him the game ball," Maddon said. "He did a great job with the pitching change ... There was nice conversation during the course of the game. It was a fun day."

Morris posed for pictures with the umpire crew before the game and signed autographs afterward for fans lining the railing up the first base line adjacent to the home team dugout.

The day began with a long-drive golf contest won by centre-fielder B.J. Upton.

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▶ Adeiny Hechavarria dives back to first safely.

Podsednik hits

Outfielder Scott Podsednik saw his first live action of the spring as a hitter yesterday, albeit in a simulated game that allowed him to bat every five batters against Brandon Morrow, Henderson Alvarez and two other minor-league hurlers.

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THE HOCKEY NEWS

Caring about NHL hockey in Toronto in April and May has become somewhat of a foreign feeling for Maple Leafs fans.

Since the spring of 2004, they've been subjected to either flat-out disappointment from seeing their team fall out of the playoff race by Christmas, or they've been heartbroken to watch the Buds get oh so close to the post-season yet fail to qualify.

And with Toronto battling a handful of teams for one of the final Eastern Conference playoff berths, the second scenario may play out again this spring. But there's something different about the 2010-11 Leafs team. Something worth looking forward to beyond the current season.

Regardless of whether Toronto ultimately makes it into the playoffs, there is legitimate reason for hope now.

There are vastly improved key players such as Mikhail Grabovski (to me, the Leafs' best all-around forward this season) and defenceman Luke Schenn. There are still-young cornerstones in Phil Kessel and Dion Phaneuf, both of whom are rounding into the form Leafs GM Brian Burke expected when he acquired them.

In addition, there are a few who've come out of nowhere — at least, as much as is possible when Leafs Nation analyzes every player like he were the final piece of a Stanley Cup puzzle — to make their mark and consistently contribute to the cause now and down the road. Here, I'm thinking about goalie James Reimer and blue-liner Keith Aulie, but also worker bees like Darryl Boyce and Tim Brent.

The other key to a brighter Leafs future is the organization's expanding group of talented NHL prospects. With Nazem Kadri and new acquisitions Joe Colborne and Jake Gardiner under the tutelage of player developers such as Marlies coach Dallas Eakins, Toronto at long last appears to be on equal philosophical ground with elite franchises that rightfully recognize the importance of promotion from within.

So don't get too upset if the Leafs aren't quite up to the task of making the playoffs this year. If they continue on their current upward trajectory, there'll be many springs to come where post-season play will be a given.

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For the 2012 model, the Passat's previously standard 200-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbocharged powerplant has been replaced with a non-turbocharged 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder unit. This change no doubt contributes to the smaller base price.

A 280-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 is optional, as is Volkswagen's hybrid-challenging 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel that will give the Passat a claimed rating of 4.8 l/100 km on the highway.

Generous dimensions

VW might be substantially reducing the MSRP, but it certainly won't be shrinking the package.

Compared to the previous Passat, the new model is nine centimetres longer overall and the distance between its front and rear wheels has been stretched by about 9.5 centimetres, which should mean appreciable gains in passenger room. The car's more generous dimensions are in line with models belonging to the rest of the segment and should provide the kind of space that North American sedan buyers have come to expect.

Base model

The Passat's starting-point model is fitted with automatic climate control, cruise control and Bluetooth short-range wireless connectivity.

Also standard is Hill Climb Assist that helps keep manual-gearbox models from rolling backward down a hill while taking your right foot off the brake to depress the accelerator.

▶ The exterior will please buyers who aren't interested in weird new design themes. The Passat is straightforward and purposeful, even if it is a bit plain.

The Passat is suddenly competitive

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If you're familiar with the Sesame Street ditty, "One of these things is not like the others," then try to guess if it's the Toyota Camry, Chevrolet Malibu, Volkswagen Passat, or Honda Accord that's out of place in this automotive quartet.

If you picked the VW, give yourself a gold star.

At about $29,000, the Passat, which disappeared after the 2010 model year, ranked as the most expensive mid-size sedan in this group (plus others in the same category) by as much as $7,000.

For that kind of scratch you could have covered the cost of fuelling up any of the other top-selling competitors for three years or so, on average.

Although seemingly down and out, rumours of the Passat's demise have proven inaccurate.

Volkswagen announced at the recent North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., that its mid-size four-door will return as a built-in-America (Chattanooga, Tenn., to be precise) model for 2012 and will paste a base sticker price of about $24,000 (including destination charges) on the window.

Commenting on the new Passat, Volkswagen Group of America CEO Jonathan Browning said his company, "aims to become a leading player in the (North American) market."

The Passat might not appear to be a clearcut class leader, but at least it's now in the thick of the hunt.

▶ With so many automakers plastering their interiors with trendy swoops and swirls, the understated Passat layout is a classy treat. The leather and walnut trim are optional, however.

▶ An additional 9.5 centimetres between the front and rear wheels allows for more stretch-out room for the passengers.

Passat

What you should know about the 2012 Volkswagen Passat:

- **Type:** Four-door, mid-sized front-wheel-drive sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I5 (170); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (280); 2.0-litre DOHC I4 turbo-diesel (140).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual (std., 2.5), six-speed automatic; six-speed automated manual (std., 3.6-litre V6 and 2.0-litre turbo-diesel).
- **Market Position:** VW repositions the Passat into the sedan mainstream to perk up the car's popularity. As with the smaller Jetta, this move means that the perceived quality of German engineering costs as little as anything else out there.

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By comparison

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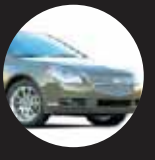

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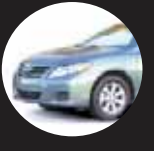

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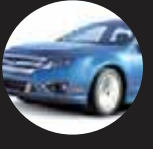

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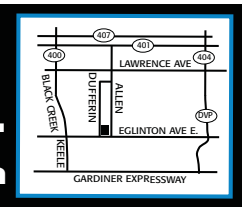

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A typical vehicle purchase seems to generate so much back and forth, so much paperwork, so many choices, that the only way to get that all done, seems to be with a lot of face-to-face time with an automotive professional or two.

Well there is at least one person in Canada who would beg to differ. Barry Shafran is president and CEO of Chesswood Group Limited, a publicly traded company that operates cars4U.com.

According to Shafran, cars4U.com is "Canada's only eDealer." Shafran notes that unlike other dealerships or entities professing to provide online vehicle shopping, only cars4U.com gives customers the actual "buy now" button, and with a price that is "actually the selling price, not the list price."

While Shafran notes that a typical cars4U.com transaction "does come offline for a big part of it," he also notes that at least several times a year, a customer will, "hit buy now and put a deposit online."

Cars4U.com partners with dealers of various makes, to offer a wide range of vehicles, available to customers across Canada. Once purchased, the vehicles can be delivered, or picked up at the dealership who sourced it or at cars4U.com's HQ in Toronto. Trade-in values are assessed as best as one can over the phone, and then fine-tuned when the vehicle is dropped off.

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The company has been doing its e-thing for 10 years now, with "steady growth" according to Shafran.

Why haven't others joined the bandwagon? "Good question," says Shafran. He is certain the business requires auto experience, not just Internet experience.

It's easier to answer the question, why can't you buy online direct from the automakers? That's because in the U.S. and Canada, dealers have ironclad franchise agreements with their automakers. Dealers are the only ones that can sell you a car. (Note, however, that automakers can also own dealerships and do).

But in Europe things are more loosey goosey, and that's why we're seeing some "direct to customers via the Internet" initiatives developing there. Last summer Ford of Britain bundled a bunch of its company-owned dealerships together and created FordRetailOnline.co.uk, complete with "12 regional delivery centres."

And just last week at the Geneva Motor Show, Renault said that its cheaper and Romanian-built Dacia line will be sold through an additional "Internet channel." This is to compete with Peugeot-Citroen, which already said its new line of China-sourced low-cost vehicles would be sold exclusively online.

Makes sense that the "bottom" of the market will be where Internet-direct makes inroads. You got a centralized, urbanized clientele, a cost-sensitive vehicle (an Internet channel is less costly to operate), and these vehicles tend to be viewed more like commodities. And if they are not in the showroom, they're not dragging down the profile of the automaker's higher-priced brands.

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Last-generation Liberty looks fairly reliable and trail-ready

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The Jeep Liberty made its first appearance in 2002, and intended to find favour with an urban-adventurer type after a machine with plenty of ground clearance, moderate towing capacity and four-wheel drive capability.

Featuring a Command-Trac transfer case with low-range gearing and "shift on the fly" four-wheel drive, Liberty was an ideal machine for all-terrain, all-weather use.

The Select-Track transfer case, also available, added a "full-time" four-wheel drive range which could be selected pre-emptively in nasty weather and act like an All Wheel Drive (AWD) system.

What's the 4-1-1?

- **Model:** 2002 to 2007 Jeep Liberty
- **Vehicle Type:** 4x4 SUV
- **Approximate used price range:** $4,500 to $18,000

Four and six-cylinder engines were available, as were manual and automatic transmissions — depending on the year and model in question. Models with the V6 got 210 horsepower from 3.7 litres of displacement, while the standard 2.4-litre four-cylinder made 150 ponies. A turbo-diesel engine was available briefly as well.

Ideal for a small family or active couple, the Liberty was updated to its current iteration for the 2008 model year.

What Owners Like

Styling, a sturdy and planted ride and decent handling were typically highly rated by most first-generation Liberty owners. Visibility and off-road capability were also praised.

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▶ 2006 Jeep Liberty

What Owners Hate

Comfort was rated somewhat poorly by many Liberty owners, mainly due to cramped footwells and limited at-hand interior storage. Rear seat legroom is also said to be limited. Other owners report higher-than-expected gas mileage with the V6 engine.

Common Issues

Liberty looks solid where reliability is concerned, though several checks will be mandatory in finding a healthy used model.

Fully check all on-board electronics and accessories for proper operation, including the stereo and keyless remote system. Power window failure looks fairly common and expensive to repair, so double check that all windows open and close smoothly and easily. Locks should also be checked for proper operation.

Jeep's 3.7-litre V6 is known to be reliable and relatively trouble-free, though it may feel hard to start at times due to a bad fuel-pump valve. Additionally, chirping noises could be the result of a belt pulley that needs a different, tighter belt.

Have a mechanic give the floor-pan and suspension a good look over, noting any signs of careless off-roading that may have resulted in dents or scrapes to the underbelly. Having all differential fluids and transfer-case fluids changed upon purchase is a wise decision too — unless the mileage of the last full fluid-change is known. This is also a good time to have your mechanic check for leaks.

A check for the performance of several safety-related recall jobs is another good idea — as the Liberty was subjected to several of them.

The Verdict

Like many Jeep models in the used market, a fairly simple powertrain doesn't deliver class-leading performance or mileage — though it proves reliable for the long haul and well-suited to its application.

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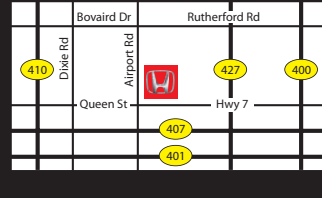

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Students pushing the technology envelope

University of Waterloo team competing in EcoCAR Challenge

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Not every automotive breakthrough comes off the drawing board at the carmaker's level.

At the University of Waterloo, a team of students is working on a plug-in hydrogen fuel cell that might one day make it to the showroom floor.

It's an entry in the EcoCAR Challenge, a three-year program that requires 16 university teams from across North America to design and build vehicles with advanced powertrains and consumer appeal.

Now into EcoCAR's third year, Waterloo's Alternative Fuels Team is transforming a Saturn Vue to run on electricity, either stored from a household outlet or produced by the hydrogen fuel cell. The project grew out of work the university did in the earlier and similar Challenge X program.

"One of the reasons for doing the fuel cell architecture is to have a more efficient vehicle," says team captain Michael Giannikouris.

"Each team picks their fuel choice in the first year. We did hydrogen in Challenge X and wanted to keep going with it, because it's more challenging to integrate the fuel cell and the tanks that go with it."

Nothing comes easy with new technology, including incorporating two electricity sources.

"That's a big point," Giannikouris says.

"You have the fuel cell which operates at a certain voltage, and the battery at a different voltage. If we just took a big cable and hooked it from the fuel cell to the battery to the motor and turned it on, our fuel cell would charge our battery uncontrollably, because the voltage is too high. We use a D/C to D/C power converter. They're new and there's little available commercially, so we decided to build our own. It's been unbelievably difficult, but we have a few people who are very good at this."

In the first year, teams use math-based design tools to ensure that their powertrains will fit and function properly; Waterloo finished fifth.

The second and third years are for developing a working vehicle, and last year the team finished eighth.

"At the end of year two, you compete on a track," Giannikouris says.

"Most spent the year just trying to get the car working, including us. We didn't get to the track, but we passed all the safety requirements and were the only hydrogen team to fill our tanks at the competition, which was a big deal.

"We want to push the envelope of what you can do with this technology. We're going to run out of oil at some point, and we want to make this clean and renewable."

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO ALTERNATIVE FUELS TEAM

▶ This Saturn Vue is being transformed to run on electricity

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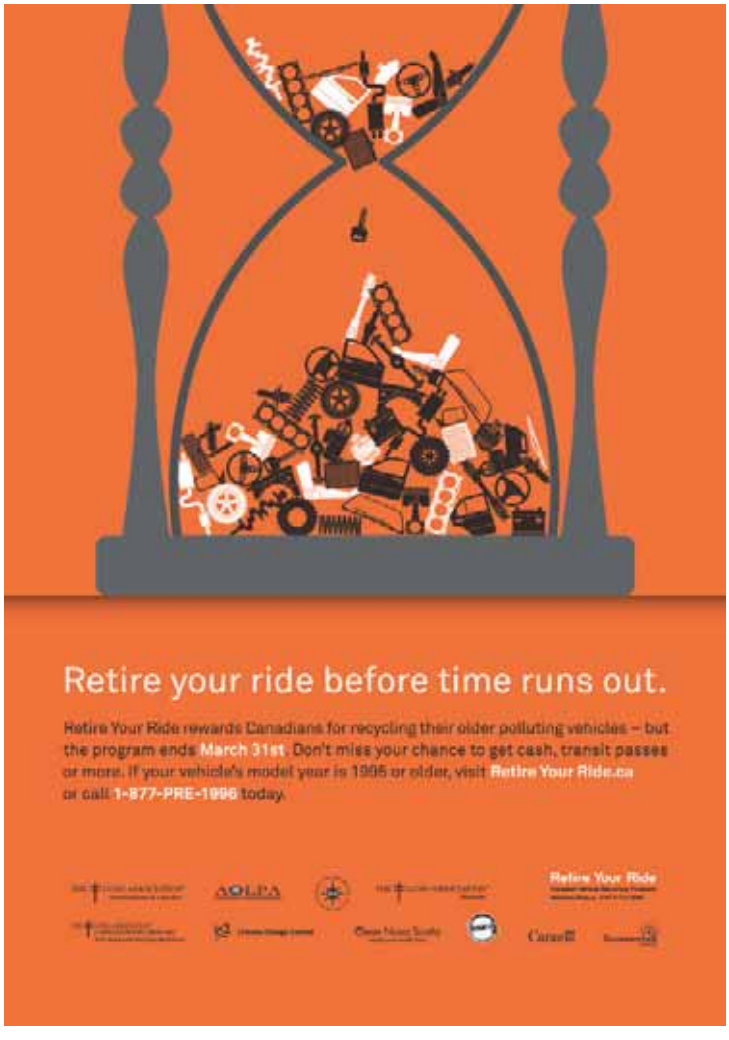
▶ The University of Waterloo's Alternative Fuels Team



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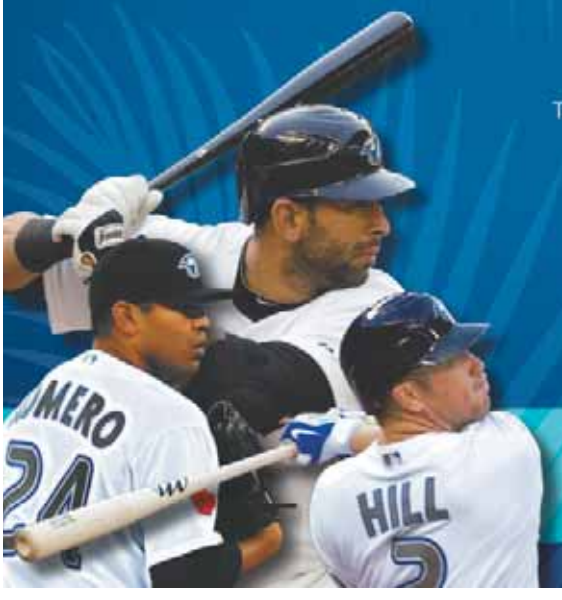

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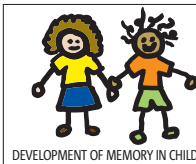

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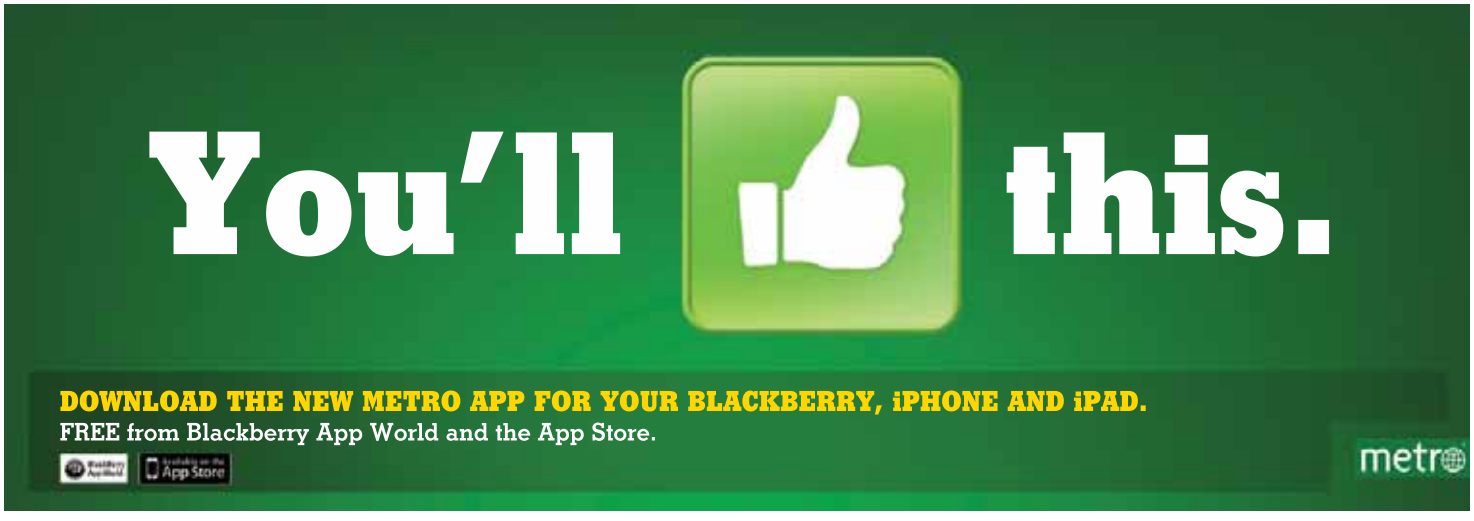

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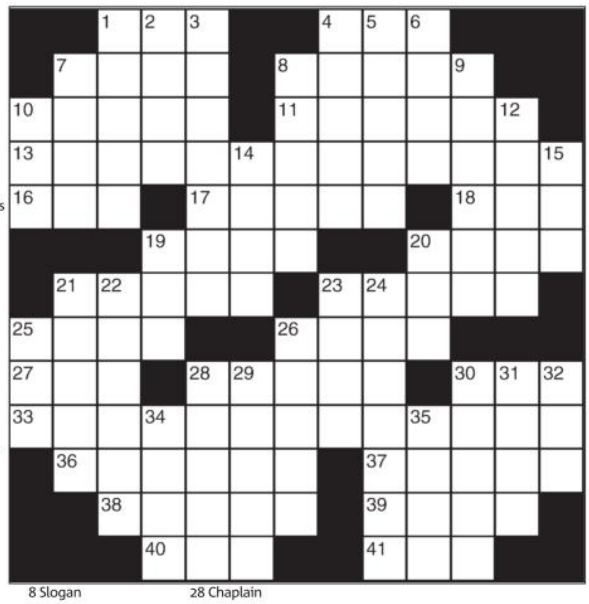

Across
1 Step that may be "faux"
4 J. Edgar Hoover's org.
7 Harbor
8 Factories
10 Some Japanese-Americans
11 Eyes on a peacock's tail
13 No different
16 Firmament
17 Arose
18 Bronze
19 "Ask — questions ..."
20 Pleads
21 "It's a Wonderful Life" director
23 Obey a comma
25 St. Louis attraction
26 Spheres
27 Bleating sound
28 Pullover shirts
30 Pod occupant
33 Definitively
36 Youngster
37 Grown-up nit
38 "Hammerin' Hank" of baseball
39 Muskrat cousin
40 Chaps
41 Greek vowel

Down
1 Actress Parker
2 Neighborhood
3 Scorpion's weapon
4 Scarf enhancing a low neckline
5 Censor's sound
6 Afflictions
7 Light red
8 Slogan
9 Schedules
10 Ph. bk. info
12 Public persona
14 Lady of Lisbon
15 Type measures
19 Speedometer stat
20 Clear the tables
21 Starter on a really old car
22 Gum arabic
23 Instructor, for short
24 Set free, as from a sin
25 Latin 101 word
26 Bygone
28 Chaplain
29 Satirical newspaper, with "The"
30 Abdul or Zahn
31 Otherwise
32 Brewery output
34 Cheese choice
35 Source

▶ Yesterday's answer

C	R	U	E		C	O	E		Z	A	G	S
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Sudoku

		3	2					
4		9						
	6			7			4	8
2					5	8	9	
		1		8		5		
	3	5	9					2
7	1			9			2	
						3		1
					4	9		

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4	5	1	6	2	7	3	8	9
3	8	6	4	5	9	2	1	7
8	3	5	2	7	4	9	6	1
7	4	9	5	6	1	8	3	2
1	6	2	3	9	8	7	4	5
9	1	3	7	4	6	5	2	8
6	2	8	9	1	5	4	7	3
5	7	4	8	3	2	1	9	6

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Don't strain your brain thinking about something that appears illogical. A number of strange things will happen today, but none of them will do you any harm.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 This is not a good time to announce your plans to the world. You don't have to be dishonest about your intentions but you do have to keep your ideas to yourself.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 These are exciting times for you but don't get carried away. If you act without thinking, you could make a potentially costly mistake. Take extra care when arranging travel plans and social events.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you're dishonest in any way today, it will come back when you least expect it. You don't need to tell lies or cut corners to get what you want.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 There seems to be a mental block between you and others at the moment. There's not much you can do but wait for the cosmic tide to turn. It won't be long before you are back on a like-minded wavelength.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Your main problem is that you are doing more for other people than you are for yourself. Get a grip on the situation and let those who are taking advantage of your generosity know there will be no more freebies.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The planets warn that you could easily convince yourself that something is true when clearly it is not. That could turn out to be a costly mistake.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Spell out in plain and simple language what it is you expect of people. Both at home and at work, misunderstandings are likely so make sure everyone knows what it is they are supposed to be doing.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 By all means listen to what other people have to tell you today, but don't think for a moment that it's the whole truth. Act on the assumption that you have not yet heard the whole story.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Be careful when dealing with people you don't know on a personal level. Anything they say that sounds too good to be true is best ignored, no matter how marvelous it sounds.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Keep your thoughts to yourself today. With communications planet Mercury strong in your chart that won't be easy, but other aspects warn if you speak too freely it could rebound on you later.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Some things happen for no reason. Don't get hung up on trying to explain why a specific event came about. You don't have to account for everything in life. SALLY BROMPTON

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2111 Jane St, Unit 6
1343 Lawrence Ave W
1030 Sheppard Ave W, Unit 3, (Across Downsview Subway Station)
6026 Yonge St
6464 Yonge St, Unit 187 (Centrepoint Mall)
Centrepoint Mall (Zellers)
Lawrence Square (Zellers)

Richmond Hill
9005 Leslie St

Markham
4300 Steeles Ave E, Unit D56 (Pacific Mall)

Scarborough
250 Alton Towers Circle, Unit C04A
2950 Birchmount Rd, Unit 5B
3092 Danforth Ave, Unit 3
2375 Eglinton Ave E
1885 Kennedy Rd
4320 Kingston Rd
4002 Sheppard Ave E, Unit 105A
5981 Steeles Ave E, Unit 106
85 Ellesmere Rd (Inside Metro Entrance)
Bridlewood Mall (Zellers)
Shoppers World Danforth (Zellers)
50 Thermos Road (Zellers)
Cedarbrae Mall (Zellers)